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THOSE GUYS ...!
REALLY?! MY HAIR AGAIN ?!
WELL, IN YOUR CASE, I'D SAY YOUR HAIRSTYLE IS PRETTY UNIQUE.
HEY, YOKOSHIMA... WHAT MAKES A PERSONALITY "UNIQUE"?
YOU'VE SEEMED KINDA BUMMED OUT LATELY, KEN-CHAN. WHAT'S UP?
Chapter 59
Here. Towel.

※ *Re-reading vol. 1, chapters 1-2 may help increase enjoyment of this chapter.*

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS, UH... UM... GIMME A SEC, IT'LL COME TO ME...
GLOOM
ARE YOU SURE HE ISN'T JUST SOME RANDOM NPC WHO HAPPENS TO BE HANGING AROUND?
LOOM
NEXT TO HIM IS LANKY LONG MOUNTAIN NAGAYAMA.
YIKES! STICK HIM NEXT TO SUPER-SHORT YOKOSHIMA AND HE LOOKS EVEN TALLER!
THE SHORT AND CHUBBY ONE ON THE RIGHT IS LITTLEFOOT YOKOSHIMA.
PLUNK
HM? WAIT A MINUTE. IS IT ME OR DOES HE LOOK, UH... SIGNIFI-CANTLY DIFFERENT FROM HIS FIRST AP-PEARANCE IN THIS SERIES?
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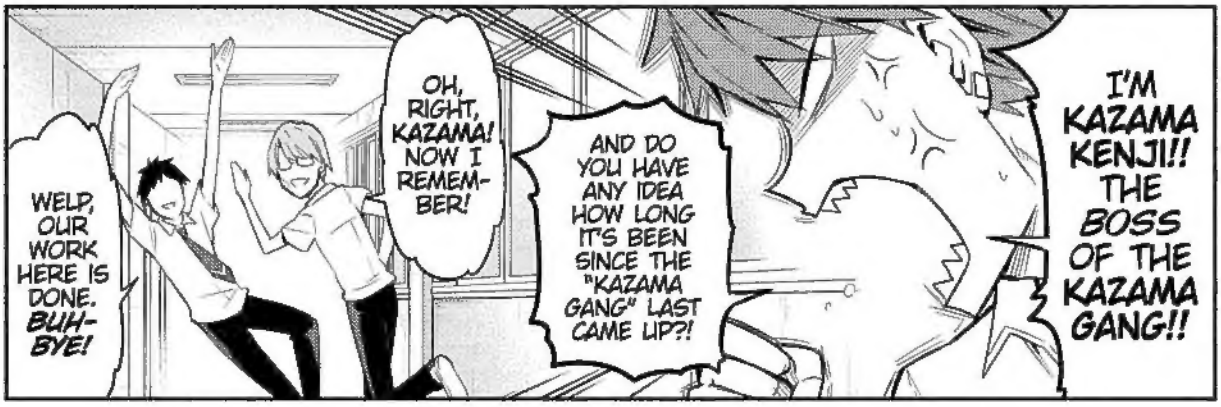

I'M KAZAMA KENJI!! THE BOSS OF THE KAZAMA GANG!!
AND DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW LONG IT'S BEEN SINCE THE "KAZAMA GANG" LAST CAME UP?!
OH, RIGHT, KAZAMA! NOW I REMEM-BER!
WELP, OUR WORK HERE IS DONE. BUH-BYE!

HOLD IT. THIS TIME YOU DON'T GET AWAY SO EASY.
AHA HA... IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOTTEN A LITTLE BETTER SINCE THE LAST TIME.

YANK
?!

WE JUST HAD A LITTLE DIFFICULTY REMEMBERING WHAT YOUR NAME WAS, THAT'S ALL.
YEAH, RIGHT! YOU TREATED ME LIKE I WAS SOME BACKGROUND CHARACTER! LAST TIME, YOU AT LEAST REMEMBERED I WAS THE LEADER!
NO, NO! WE'D NEVER DO THAT!
WAIT, I KNOW YOU!! YOU TWO ARE THOSE RANDOS WHO MADE FUN OF ME WAY BACK WHEN!
A LITTLE BETTER ?!

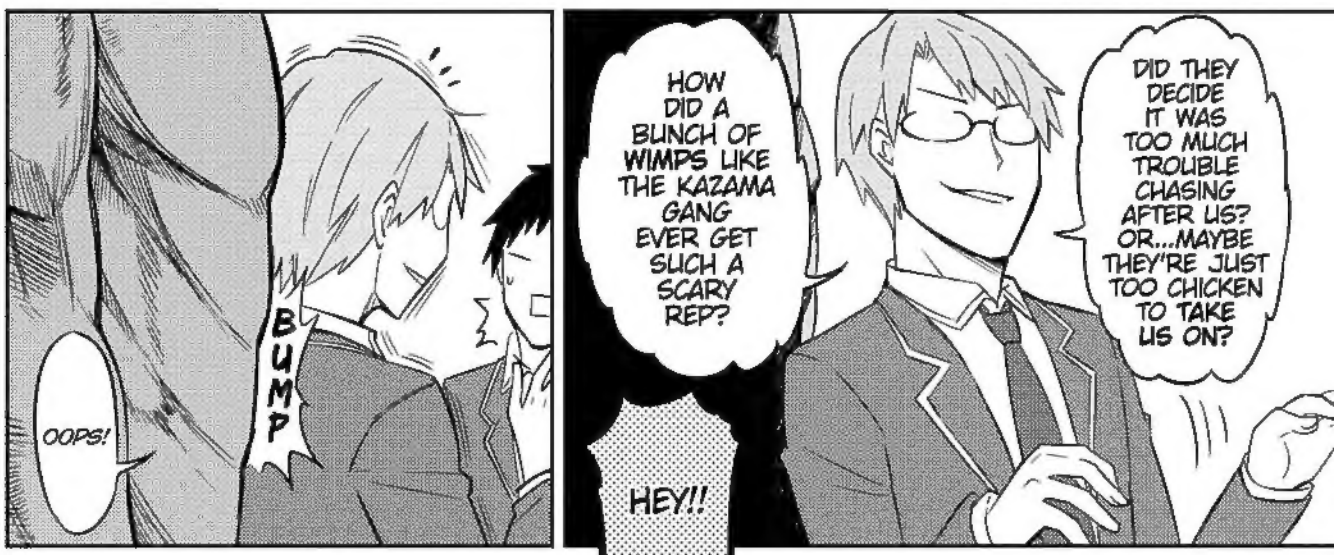
GAME
Hey, peeps! We're coming in!
SWAM
AAAAAAUUUGH!!!
This crime will be one more chapter in my growing badass legend!
Sorry, Ken-chan. We don't mean to stand out so much...
Yeah, you two stick out all right?!
AH!
Mini-Flashback

※ See vol. 1, chapter 1.

URK!
SHUT UP!! NEITHER OF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH !!
YANK
HEY! DON'T BLAME YOUR PROBLEMS ON OTHER PEOPLE.
THAT'S RIGHT. IF I HADN'T LET WHAT YOU GUYS SAID GET TO ME LIKE IT DID, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED...!

HEH. YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS BEEN THROUGH A LOT SINCE WE LAST MET.
DWAH ?!
HOW DID YOU GET ALL THESE SCARS ?!

LOOKS LIKE WE MANAGED TO ESCAPE THE KAZAMA GANG!
HUFF HUFF
WHEW, THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
I SAID I DON'T CARE!
NOT REALLY!
WELL? WANNA HEAR OUR STORY?


BUMP
OOPS!
HOW DID A BUNCH OF WIMPS LIKE THE KAZAMA GANG EVER GET SUCH A SCARY REP?
DID THEY DECIDE IT WAS TOO MUCH TROUBLE CHASING AFTER US? OR...MAYBE THEY'RE JUST TOO CHICKEN TO TAKE US ON?
HEY!!

LOOOOOM
HEY. WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
WAIT, I KNOW THOSE GUYS!
IT'S THE TWO BROTHERS !!
HOLY CRAP, THEY'RE HUGE! THEY MUST BE LETTING THE KAZAMA GANG HAVE ALL THE GLORY SO NO ONE PAYS ATTENTION TO THEIR OWN NEFARIOUS SCHEMES!!
IF THEY'RE THAT BIG AND SCARY, WHY DO THEY NEED TO HIDE BEHIND US?!
※ See vol. 2, chapter 10.
BROTHER. THESE TWO MAY DO.
YEAH. HEY, YOU TWO. COME WITH US.
OH CRAP! YOU IDIOTS ARE IN REAL TROUBLE NOW!!
WE WERE JUST HEADING TO THE ARCADE TO PLAY THE HYAKUNIN ISSHU POETRY CARD GAME.
THAT GAME IS MORE FUN WITH FOUR PLAYERS INSTEAD OF TWO.
OH, SO YOU'RE NOT IN TROUBLE AT ALL!!
LET'S GO OUT THE BACK WAY. IT'S CLOSER.
OH GOD, I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE GOTTEN MIXED UP WITH THESE GUYS...
UH, THEY SEEM PRETTY HARMLESS TO ME!
HANGING OUT IN THE ARCADE FOR HOURS, JUST SITTING AROUND PLAYING CARDS WITHOUT SPENDING ANY MONEY ON GAMES OR SNACKS... I CAN ALREADY FEEL THE ANNOYED GLARES OF THE STAFF.
ACTU-ALLY, YOU'VE GOT A POINT THERE!

DASH
BESIDES, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY HYAKUNIN ISSHU!
I'M SURE THEY'D TEACH YOU IF YOU JUST ASKED !!
SPLOOF
HUH?
Um... What's a sand castle doing here?
CRUMBLE
OH GOD... DON'T TELL ME THAT'S ...!

DU-DUN...
HEY, JERKS ...
TWITCH TWITCH
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST GO AROUND BREAKING OTHER PEOPLE'S STUFF? DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT TOOK ME TO MAKE THAT?
!!
OH GOD, IT IS HER!

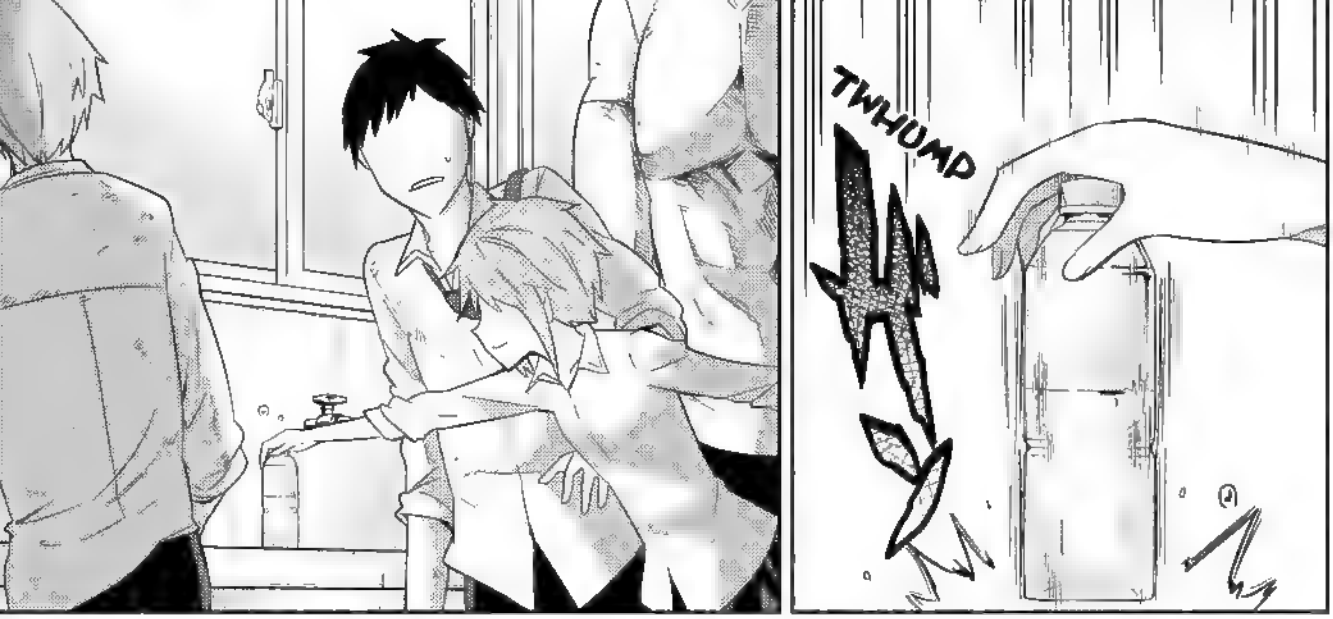
UH-OH. IT'S THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
WAIT... SO SHE MADE THAT SANDCASTLE I JUST PLOWED THROUGH?
OH CRAP !!
WE'RE--
Aaaiiieeeeee!!
BIFF
POW
SPLAT
Sand
OH MAN, THE TWO BROTHERS AND THE TWO NPCS GOT WRECKED !!

Earth Punch !!
DON'T TELL ME... SO RIGHT AFTER THAT IS WHEN SHE GOES BACK TO THE CLUB ROOM AND TAKES OUT HER ANGER ON ME?!
STMP STMP
MRRRGH! I'M STILL FEELING TICKED OFF, BUT I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO CLUB.
WAIT A SECOND...
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO LIE THERE?!
THANK YOU.
HERE. TOWEL.
WAIT, SO NOW YOU GUYS ARE ALL BUDDY-BUDDY?!
STAGGER
OWWIE, THAT HURT.
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO STEER CLEAR OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT FOR A WHILE.
YEAH. BUT FIRST, LET'S GO WASH THIS DIRT AND SAND OFF.

FIDGET
FIDGET
COULD YOU HURRY UP AND LET ME GET SOME WATER, PLEASE~? ♪
SHE'S IN THIS STORY, TOO?!
EXCUSE ME! ♪
HUH?

THEN GO CHASE HIM!
DON'T TELL ME... I'M THE ONE SHE WAS CHASING ?!
AWW, C'MON! I'M IN A HURRY! THERE'S A GUY I HAFTA CHASE DOWN!
バシャ
WASHA
バシャ
WASHA
HOLD YOUR HORSES. WE'LL BE DONE IN A MINUTE.

SNIFF...
JEEZ, THE DIRT IS REALLY GROUND IN THERE.
Can't she do anything without water?
I forgot my water bottle. You wait right here while I go back and grab it, okay?
THAT WAS WHEN I RAN AWAY FROM THE GAME DEV. CLUB (TEMP) AFTER THEY CONNED ME INTO SIGNING THEIR MEMBERSHIP FORM! YOU GUYS WERE LYING AROUND FOR A REALLY LONG TIME!


THWUMP

HEY, WAIT YOUR TURN! HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE!
AND WHAT'S UP WITH THAT PINK HAIR, HUH?!
WAIT A MINUTE...! PINK HAIR... FIRST-YEAR STUDENT... COULD SHE BE--?!
RIGHT NOW, THERE'S SOMEBODY I REALLY WANNA CHASE DOWN AND MAKE 'EM CHUG A WHOLE GALLON OF WATER. YEP, A WHOOOO-OOOLE GALLON.
GRIN
HOLY CRAP, YOU'RE SCARING ME!!

MAKE SURE YOU CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR-SELVES.
I'm going home.
WHAT'S THE POINT OF YOU EVEN SHOWING UP IN THIS FLASH-BACK?!
TP TP
PLISH
STAD STAD
Aaaiiieeee!! I'm drowning on land!!
GLUG GLUG GLUG
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST GO SOME-WHERE ELSE TO GET WATER?!

ME TOO.
NOW I JUST WANNA GO SOMEWHERE, CUT LOOSE, AND HAVE SOME FUN.
YOU'RE TELLING ME.
GOD, TODAY HAS REALLY SUCKED!
AND YOU ACTUALLY DID IT?! AREN'T YOU GUYS NICE!

YOU GUYS REALLY DID BECOME FRIENDS!
YOU DO...?
WAIT !!
MAYBE GO SOMEWHERE... HANG OUT... PLAY CARDS...
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DMD
But it's so complex and intriguing...!
HECK, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU BECAME BEST FRIENDS !
Man, Hyakunin Isshu is really hard!

NOW THIS GUY I'VE SEEN BEFORE! SOME-WHERE!
DON'T HATE US. HATE YOUR OWN LACK OF SKIILL.
AND WHO'S HE?!
HEH HEH HEH. DIDJA THINK YOU'D GET AWAY WITHOUT BEING CHALLENGED? THIS SCHOOL AIN'T THAT SOFT.
WHO'S HE?!
HEH HEH HEH. A LITTLE BIRDY TOLD US THE TWO BROTHERS HAD GOTTEN KNOCKED AROUND A LITTLE.

※ See vol. 6, chapter 42.

WAIT, WHEN DID THIS TURN INTO A STANDARD DELINQUENT BEAT-EM-UP SCENE?! NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING!
GUYS ...
I THINK WE'LL STICK AROUND AND HELP EVEN OUT THE ODDS A LITTLE.
WHEN A FIGHT'S ABOUT TO GO DOWN? HAH! YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING.
THIS DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE TWO OF YOU. RUN.

FOOM
AAAH!!
WAH?!
WHAT THE HECK?!
Mwa ha ha...
Ex-cuse me?
How about he goes first?
Mwa ha ha...
No, you go first.
You go first.
Right, let's do this.
Mwa ha ha...
Mwa ha ha...
Umm...
Who wants to go first?
Are you ready to take a beating?
Mwa ha ha...
Mwa ha ha...

NORMALLY I WOULDN'T CONCERN MYSELF WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
WHO'RE YOU?! BUTT OUT!!
Tch.
GENTLEMEN, THIS IS A PUBLIC SPACE. PLEASE BE MORE QUIET AND RESPECTFUL.

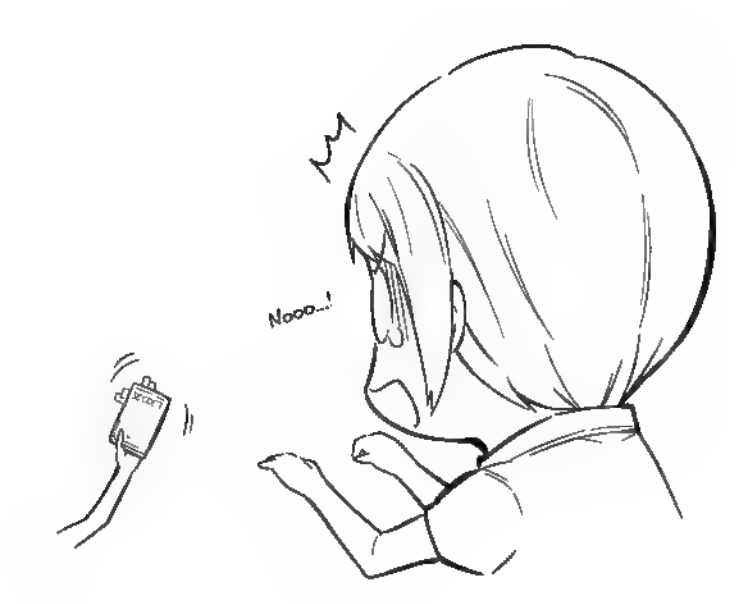
AND I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO LURE HIM AWAY.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE COMPETITION AROUND HERE!!
BUT THIS KIND OF LAWLESS SCENE WOULD BE VERY ATTRACTIVE TO MY NEW CLUB MEMBER...
FWIF
FWIF
W-WAIT, HOLD ON....

THE ULTIMATE DARKNESS!!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO COINED THAT STUPID NICKNAME?!
YEAH. AFTER WITNESSING HER PATH OF DESTRUCTION HERE, I CAN THINK OF ONLY ONE NAME FOR HER...
THAT MUST BE THE MYSTERIOUS BLONDE GIRL KNOWN FOR USING POWERFUL BAG ATTACKS.
I can't see!!
Too dark!
Brother...! Brother, where are you?!
It's dark! So dark!
I can't see!!
TP TP TP
TP TP TP
HOW MANY BAGS DO YOU CARRY ON YOU?!
I'M SURE ALL THIS DATA WE'VE GATHERED WILL BE A BIG HELP TO HIM IN HIS QUEST TO TAKE CONTROL OF FUJOU ACADEMY.
SWEE
"HIM" WHO?!
YEAH. BUT WE DID LEARN A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL'S BIG PLAYERS.
MAN. THIS WAS ONE HELLUVA DAY.
?
WELL DONE.
WITH THIS, THE DAY THAT I RULE ALL OF FUJOU ACADEMY HAS DRAWN JUST THAT MUCH CLOSER.
ALL THE DATA IS RIGHT HERE.
THAT VOICE! IT MUST BE HIM!!
GENTLEMEN. I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF WATCHING THAT LAST FIGHT.
LIKE I SAID, WHO?!

TOP SECRET
CLASS 2-F KAWAHARA ATARU
UH, NO! IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT STEALS THAT FROM YOU!
JUST YOU WAIT, MISS STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT! IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE, I WILL USE ALL OF THIS DATA TO BRING YOU TO YOUR KNEES!

※ See vol. 3, chapter 16.

YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT ATARU HAS HIS OWN LITTLE GANG OF MASOCHISTS?!
We already have a light-haired, glasses-wearing masochist character! We don't need two!
WAIT A SECOND !!


Nooo...!

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I SEE.
SO, YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME-THING THAT SETS YOU APART.
WELL, UH... I GUESS, YEAH.
IT JUST SEEMS LIKE IT'D BE SOMETHING NICE TO HAVE.
I SEE, I SEE. SO, A DEFINING TRAIT, HM? AND NOT JUST ANY-THING--A POWERFULLY UNIQUE ONE.
WELL, IF POSSIBLE, YEAH. I MEAN, THERE ARE LOTS OF SERIOUSLY "UNIQUE" CHARACTERS AT THIS SCHOOL.
OH? THERE AREN'T, REALLY. NOT WITH ANY STRONGLY UNIQUE TRAITS, ANYWAY.
THAT'S HARD TO SWALLOW COMING FROM YOU...
WHAT WAS THAT?
N-NOTHING!

Chapter 60
It Just Had to be Her!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON, ANYWAY?! YOU JUST DRAGGED ME IN HERE AND SAT ME DOWN!
PAFF
ANYHOO~! COULD YOU, LIKE, DO HIM A SOLID AND HELP HIM OUT?

NO, BECAUSE YOU NEVER DID! AND THE PERSON I'M GETTING HELP FROM RIGHT NOW IS KUSSIE-SEMPAI, NOT YOU!
GAWD! DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW I, LIKE, TOLD YOU YOU COULD COME STRAIGHT TO YOUR TAMA-ONEECHAN IF YOU EVER NEEDED HELP?

WHAT THE HECK IS WITH THAT SIGN?! ARE YOU TRYING TO MAKE MONEY OFF OF KUSSIE-SEMPAI?!
Kussie's Kounseling Korner
1 SESSION 100円
WAIT...
I KNOW KUSSIE-SEMPAI TOO, Y'KNOW!
WELL, IT WAS MY CONNEC-TIONS THAT GOT YOU HERE, SO THERE!

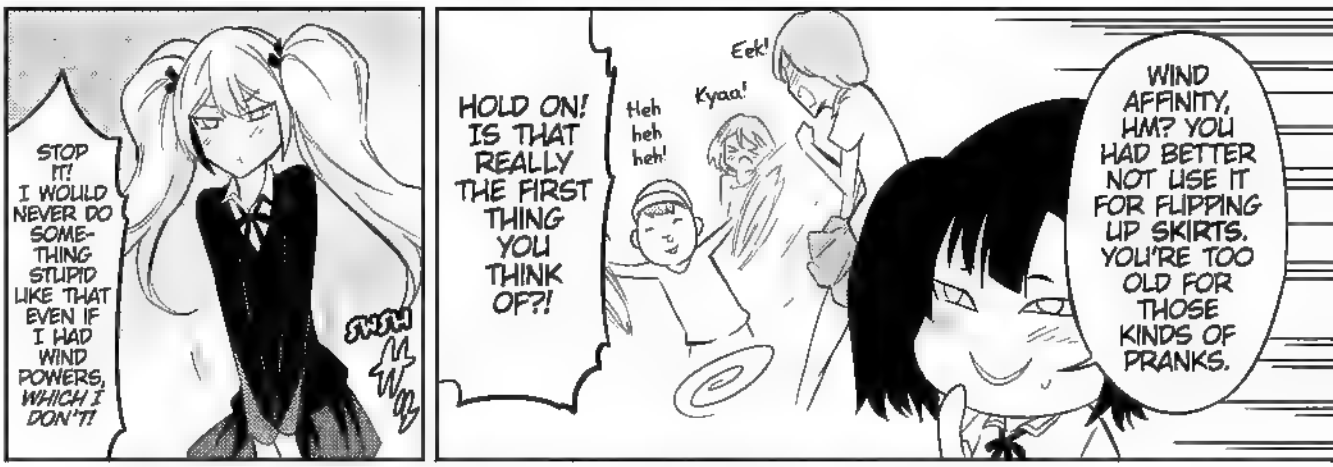
BUT IT'S, LIKE, A TOTALLY AWESOME IDEA! WHY NOT TRY AND MAKE A LITTLE MONEY OFF OF IT?
WHY IS THERE A GIANT LINE OF PEOPLE OUT THERE ALREADY ?!
Welcome! The line starts here.
CHATTER
CHATTER
WHAT?! SERIOUSLY, TAMA-CHAN?!
GYAAAH!! DON'T DO THAT WITH THAT FACE!!

FIRST YOU DRAG ME IN HERE AND NOW YOU'RE TELLING ME TO GET OUT?!
I'M NOT GOING TO CHARGE THESE PEOPLE!
YEAH, SO QUIT TAKING SO MUCH TIME, OKAY? LIKE, PEOPLE ARE WAITING! DON'T BE SUCH A GREEDY-GUTS!

SO, LIKE, LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD ALREADY, 'KAY?
LESSEE...
PLOP

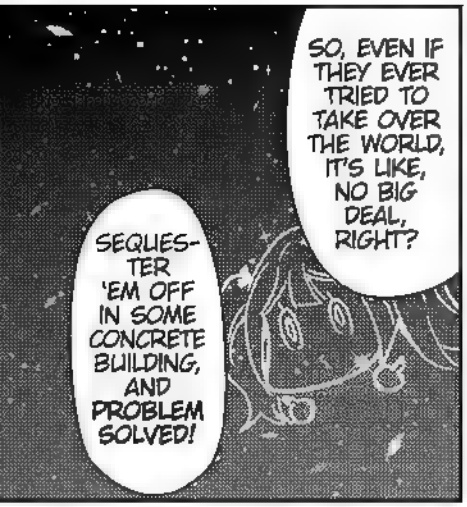
IF YOU'RE GOING TO LET US TAKE UP YOUR PRECIOUS TIME, KUSSIE-SAN, A LITTLE RECOMPENSE IS THE LEAST WE CAN DO.
I'll take those for you!
YOU REALLY DON'T NEED TO!
HOLY CRAP, KUSSIE-SEMPAI IS SERI-OUSLY POPU-LAR!!

WELL, THE GIRLS IN THE GAME DEV. CLUB HAVE THOSE WEIRD "AFFINITY" THINGS, RIGHT? HECK, YOU ALREADY HAVE A "WIND" AFFINITY. SO, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? YOU'RE SET!
THERE! ALL DONE. PROBLEM SOLVED.
WAIT A DAMN MINUTE !!


WIND AFFINITY, HM? YOU HAD BETTER NOT USE IT FOR FLIPPING UP SKIRTS. YOU'RE TOO OLD FOR THOSE KINDS OF PRANKS.
Eek!
Kyaa!
Heh heh heh!
HOLD ON! IS THAT REALLY THE FIRST THING YOU THINK OF?!
STOP IT! I WOULD NEVER DO SOME-THING STUPID LIKE THAT EVEN IF I HAD WIND POWERS, WHICH I DON'T!
SWISH

I HAD FREAKIN' ENOUGH OF THAT WHOLE "AFFINITY" THING IN THE ISLAND ARC!!
BESIDES, THIS WHOLE "AFFINITY" CRAP ISN'T EVEN REAL! SO DON'T TELL ME THAT'S MY ONE DEFINING TRAIT!
HUH? WOW. THEN I GUESS NO ONE IN THE WHOLE GAME DEV. CLUB IS REALLY THAT UNIQUE THEN.
HUH ?!

I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE CHI-CHAN'S "EARTH AFFINITY" IS ANYTHING SPECIAL. ANYBODY CAN ROLL AROUND IN THE DIRT! LIKE, CARRY A MUDBALL IN YOUR POCKET AND YOU'RE JUST LIKE HER!
Don't touch my sand-castle.
WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY THEY'RE EXACTLY LIKE HER, BUT I GUESS THERE IS SOMETHING BLAND ABOUT EARTH AFFINITY.


SO, EVEN IF THEY EVER TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD, IT'S LIKE, NO BIG DEAL, RIGHT?
SEQUES-TER 'EM OFF IN SOME CONCRETE BUILDING, AND PROBLEM SOLVED!

AND THAT WATER AFFINITY GIRL IS, LIKE, JUST A NORMAL PINK-HAIRED CHICK WHEN SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY WATER HANDY.
YEAH, SHE REALLY IS KINDA USELESS WHEN SHE DOESN'T HAVE ANY WATER.

WELL... YEAH. IT'S JUST AN ACT, AFTER ALL.

SQUEE
KLISSIE-SEMPAI, YOU DON'T HAVE TO TURN AROUND AND HIDE TO DO THAT!
GAH, YOU'RE TOO CUTE!
KRUSH

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, ROKA-CHAN'S "FIRE AFFINITY" IS SOME-THING I CAN TOTALLY DO MYSELF, TOO. SEE?
"KENJI-KUN, YOU AND I ARE, LIKE, TOTALLY DESTINED TO BE TOGETHER."
TA-DAH!

AH WELL. LIKE, STOP WORRYING SO MUCH ABOUT WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK OF YOU. STRONG PEOPLE ARE THE ONES WHO KEEP PUSHING FORWARD REGARDLESS.
HUP
URK.
A LITTLE STRANGE? TRY VERY STRANGE.
TOTTER
BASICALLY ALL OF THEM ARE, LIKE, JUST GIRLS WHO ARE A LITTLE STRANGE AND CARRY SOME ODD THINGS AROUND WITH THEM ALL THE TIME. THAT'S IT!
NO, NOT "TAMA-SEMPAI." IT'S "TAMA-CHAN" TO YOU.
SOME-TIMES STRONG PEOPLE ARE LESS ABOUT "PUSHING ON" AND MORE ABOUT BEING "PUSHY"!
ONCE MORE, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO DRAGGED ME HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE, TAMA-SEMPAI!!
ZING
ENOUGH SITTING AND LETTING OTHER PEOPLE SOLVE ALL YOUR PROBLEMS FOR YOU! GET OUT THERE AND KEEP PUSHING ON!
AFTER ALL...
Um... do you really need me here anymore?
LIKE, ANYWAYS! QUIT PICKING AT YOUR BELLYBUTTON AND HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR-SELF.

UHH... I DIDN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING. I JUST KINDA MADE YOU DROP YOUR GUARD...
TA-DAAAH!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MANAGED TO EVEN GET ME ON THE ROPES ONCE!

WHAT?! EVEN THIRD YEARS HAVE HEARD ABOUT THAT?!
ONLY A SECOND YEAR AND YOU MANAGED TO GET THE TAMA-CHAN ON THE ROPES. NOT BAD. NOT BAD AT ALL.
AH, SO YOU'RE THAT KAZAMA-KUN.

SO, LIKE, YOU'VE ALREADY GOT YOUR NAME OUT THERE...
NOW YOU JUST GOTTA FIX YOUR LOOKS.
Yeah. That's gotta be it. Uh-huh.
He he he! And who are you, huh?
WAIT A MINUTE... IF RUMORS ABOUT ME HAVE MADE IT THROUGH TO THE THIRD YEARS, THEN WHAT WAS WITH THOSE TWO NPCS EARLIER?
OH WELL. THEY WERE JUST A PAIR OF ONE-OFF NPCS, ANYWAY.

THE HAIR!! IT'S ALWAYS MY FREAKIN' HAIR, ISN'T IT?!
THAT'S IT!
YAA AA
HOW 'BOUT YOU LET YOUR HAIR GROW OUT?
NO WAY! THAT'D BE LIKE ADMITTING I LOST TO MY OWN HAIR!!
OKAY THEN, LIKE, CUT IT ALL OFF?
YES! THAT'S BEEN THE PRO-BLEM!
OHHH, SO THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE BEEN SO WORRIED ABOUT?
MY HAIR STICKS OUT SO DANG MUCH THAT THE REST OF ME PALES IN COMPARISON! THAT'S WHAT STARTED THIS WHOLE THING!!
WHAT-EVER. FORGET IT. I'M GOING HOME.
UGH! GAWD, KENJI-KUN. YOU'RE, LIKE, SO HIGH-MAINTE-NANCE.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'D BE GOING BALD! I'D JUST GET A BUZZ CUT! AND HOLD ON, YOU'RE PART OF THAT GANG?!
WHOA, TAMA-SAN! HOLD IT. IF HE DID THAT, THEN THE 24 HAIRLESS NIGHT CRAWLERS WOULD TURN INTO THE 25 HAIRLESS NIGHT CRAWLERS!

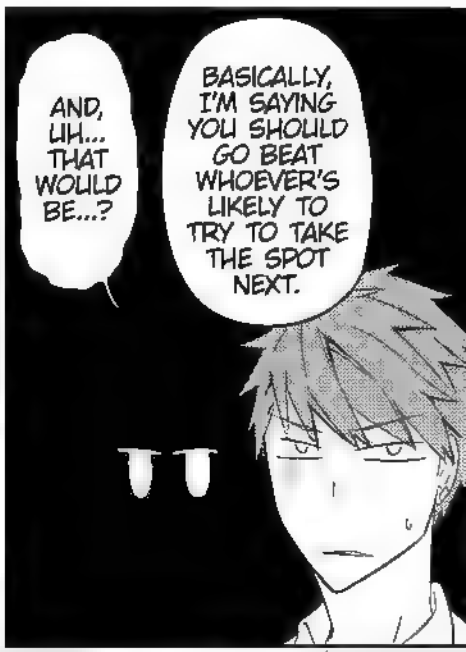
LIKE, I GUESS THERE'S ONE THING YOU COULD DO.
STEP UP AND TAKE OVER ALL OF FUJOU ACADEMY.
HUH?
DON'T YOU "HUH?" ME. GO MAKE YOURSELF THE BIGGEST, BADDEST BOSS OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL.

UMMM ...
I MEAN, EVERY DELINQUENT HERE HAS DREAMED ABOUT DOING IT, RIGHT?
TAKE OVER THE WHOLE SCHOOL, AND YOU'LL GET BOTH YOUR UNIQUE TRAIT AND A NICKNAME, TOO!
I don't need a nickname.
SO, IN OTHER WORDS ...
SHE SAYS THAT LIKE IT'S NOTHING ...!
IT'S NOT AS EASY AS THAT ...
OH, STOP BEING SUCH A BABY! GO ON! GET OUT THERE! DO IT!

ARE YOU EVEN STUDYING FOR THOSE AT ALL?
AND, LIKE, THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH *ME*, Y'KNOW? I MEAN, I'M A THIRD YEAR. I, LIKE, HAVE ENTRANCE EXAMS AND STUFF.
"TAMA-CHAN."
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU WANT ME TO FIGHT *YOU*, TAMA-SEMPAI?

LIKE, IN YOUR OWN CLUB, EVEN.

HUH?
WHAT, CAN'T YOU GUESS? IT'S SOMEONE *REEEAL* CLOSE TO YOU.


AND, UH... THAT WOULD BE...?
BASICALLY, I'M SAYING YOU SHOULD GO BEAT WHOEVER'S LIKELY TO TRY TO TAKE THE SPOT NEXT.

Y'KNOW? ROKA-CHAN?
IT JUST HAD TO BE HER, *DIDN'T IT?!*
TA-DAAAAAH!

BUT, UH...SHE DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT INTERESTED IN BEING THE BOSS OF THE WHOLE SCHOOL.
OH, NEITHER OF YOU GET TO DECIDE THAT.
IT'S THE STUDENT BODY THAT DECIDES. BESIDES, IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO SETTLE THINGS FROM THE KING GAME.
YEAH, BUT WELL... SHE'S A GIRL AND I--
HUH?
WHAT'S HER BEING A GIRL HAVE TO DO WITH ANY-THING?
ULP ...!
UM, N-NOTHING, OF COURSE. BUT RECENTLY, WE'VE BEEN, Y'KNOW, WATCHING EACH OTHER'S BACKS AND FIGHTING TOGETHER...
IT FEELS KINDA WRONG. BESIDES, I BET SHE'S FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THE KING GAME...
BAM!!
?!
DO NOT ...
UNDER-ESTIMATE ROKA-CHAN.

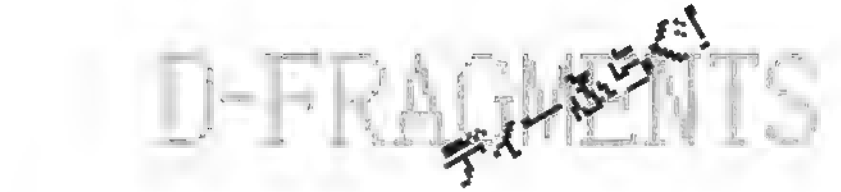
IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO LISTEN, WE'LL BE GLAD TO HELP OUT!
YOU CAME HERE LOOKING FOR ADVICE, TOO! FIX YOUR OWN PRO-BLEMS FIRST!
FIRST, SHE DRAGS ME IN THERE...
THEN SHE KICKS ME OUT!
SHWAK
On someone who's trying to take over the whole school.
There's no being too hard...
Don't you think that was harsh?
Sheesh!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ALL ABOUT, ANYWAY?
AND WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, ANYWAY? ON A NON-CLUB DAY, EVEN!
AHA! KAZAMA-SAN! FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!
YEAH, UH...
OH!
.....
AH!

THIS... THIS MUST BE DESTINY...
Y'KNOW, THAT TECHNIQUE REALLY DOESN'T WORK ON ME.
?!
WH- WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?!
ARE YOU SAYING THERE'S ANOTHER FIRE AFFINITY IN THIS SCHOOL?!
ANYWAYS... I'M SURE YOU'VE TOTALLY FORGOTTEN THIS BY NOW...
BUT BACK WHEN WE HAD THAT KING GAME TOURNAMENT, THERE WAS SOME TALK ABOUT A REMATCH...
AND?
DID YOU THINK I WOULD FORGET THAT?
HUH ?
DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT YOU LEARNED ON THE ISLAND?
THE ONLY ONES ALLOWED TO GO EASY ON THEIR OPPONENT ARE PARENTS PLAYING WITH THEIR CHILDREN.
Eh?

AND I'M NOT YOUR MOTHER, KAZAMA.

I'M SORRY !!
SWAK

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO DECLARE A REMATCH THIS ENTIRE TIME.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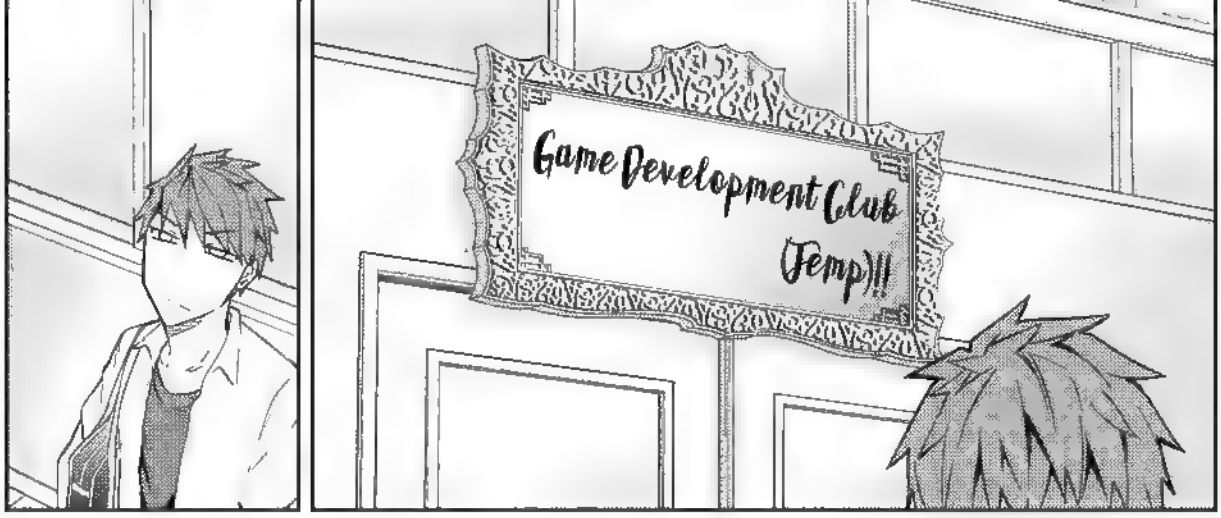
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KA-CHAK
AH WELL. MAY AS WELL FACE THE MUSIC.
"WHAT? ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT YOU COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THE "KING" GAME REMATCH, KAZAMA-SAN?!"
"YOU DID FORGET!!"
"HUH? N-NO, I UH, WAS JUST REMINDED OF IT BY SOMETHING TAMA-SEMPAI SAID AND, UH..."
YESTER-DAY ENDED UP BEING SUPER AWK-WARD...

SPARKLE
ONEECHA!!
OOH!
Sliiide
WOW

Chapter 61
And Whose Fault is That?!

HOW THE HECK DID YOU EVEN GET IN HERE, ANYWAY?
NO CAN DO.
GRAAAA!
AND GIMME BACK MY BILLION-WATT SMILE! MY SISTER IS THE ONLY ONE WHO GETS THOSE!

THANKS TO HER, I WAS ABLE TO ENTER THE SCHOOL EASY-PEASEY!
Oh, she's the younger sister of a current student here, Sensei.
UM! I!
YOU THERE. WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
BUT THEN KUSSIE-SEMPAI RESCUED ME!
FIDGET FIDGET
MAN, KUSSIE-SEMPAI REALLY DOES LOOK OUT FOR EVERYONE!
Well, if Kussie-san says so, then it must be okay. Please, come in.

I'LL ADMIT I WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS ABOUT COMING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME...
KUSSIE-SEMPAI SAID I WAS ALLOWED TO COME AND VISIT WHENEVER I WANT! SO THERE!

AFTER
BEFORE
GAWD, YOU BOYS JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND ANYTHING!! I RAISED MY PONYTAIL A WHOLE INCH HIGHER! SEE?!
LIKE I GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOUR HAIR. HELL, I'M IMPRESSED THAT I EVEN REMEMBERED YOU HAD A SIDE-PONYTAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE.
!!
UH, ISN'T THAT THE SAME HAIR-STYLE YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD?
YEAH! I'VE GOT MAD RESPECT FOR KUSSIE-SEMPAI! SO MUCH I EVEN COPIED HER HAIR-STYLE!
Don't get it, don't care.
HAH! YOU REALLY DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
Listen up!
!!
IF YOU LOVE YOUR SISTER SO MUCH, WHY NOT COPY HER?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING COPYING KUSSIE-SEMPAI, ANYWAY?
SHWAK
!!
Me!? mortals can't go around copying a goddess!!
YEAH, I REALLY DON'T CARE.
MY SISTER IS AMAZINGLY AWESOME! SHE'S A DIVINE PRES-ENCE!!

.....
ONEE-CHA--!
HN?
ONE OF YOU IS LYING THROUGH HER TEETH!
?
I'M THE LITTLE SISTER ACTUALLY, BUT YES?
OH? SO YOU KNOW WHO I HAVE IN MY FAMILY, EH BIG BROTHER?
THAT EXCUSE FELL APART THE SECOND YOU CALLED ME YOUR "BIG BROTHER"!
SHVR SHVR
THIS... THIS IS BAD...
?
THIS ROOM... IT'S FILLED WITH LITTLE SISTERS!! I CAN FEEL MY IDENTITY DISSOLVING!!
RELAX, THERE'S AN OLDER SIBLING IN HERE, TOO.

HM?
IS ROKA NOT HERE YET? THAT'S ODD.
ROSTLE
YEAH, IT'S KINDA WEIRD!
THAT HER LITTLE SISTER IS HERE INSTEAD IS EVEN WEIRDER ...
WAA-AAH!! ONEE-CHAN!

I hope Oneechan gets here soon!
Why come all the way here? Just go home. You'll see her there sooner or later
Chi-chan, you're such a meanie!
Don't call me "Chi-" chan.
But we've known each other for so long!

HEY, LITTLE SISTER.
HUH?
HN? WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO FAMILIAR WITH ME ALL OF A SUDDEN?
I DIDN'T MEAN YOU!! I MEANT THE OTHER ONE!!

ANYWAY! SO, UH... I WAS GOING TO HAVE THIS, UH... GAME REMATCH WITH YOUR BIG SISTER...
BUT I KINDA FORGOT ABOUT IT...
AND I FIGURED SHE'D PROBABLY FORGOTTEN ABOUT IT...
TOO ?!
YOU FOR-GOT ?!
THAT BAD ?!
ROKA NEVER LETS A GAME GO. EVER.
NOT YOU, TOO!!
DO YOU EVEN REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE?
EVEN YOU ?!

THAT LONG AGO?
W-W-WELL, AFTER THAT KING GAME, IT WASN'T AS IF EITHER OF US MADE ANY VOWS OR PROMISES THAT THERE'D BE A RE-MATCH OR ANYTHING. IT JUST DIDN'T SEEM LIKE A BIG DEAL... AND IT WAS SO LONG AGO NOW...
OH DEAR.
IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT WAS LONG AGO? THE FIRST TIME THAT ROKA AND I LOST TO TAMA. THAT WAS WHEN IT ALL STARTED.
WE... WE AREN'T GOING TO STAND FOR THIS!
GREAT! HERE COMES AN-OTHER FLASH-BACK!
BY THAT AGE I ALREADY KNEW THAT A RAINBOW WAS JUST REFRACTED LIGHT, AND THAT THERE WAS NO TREASURE BURIED AT THE END OF ONE.
HUH?
YOU SURE WERE MATURE FOR A LITTLE KID!
PEOPLE SAY THAT THERE IS TREASURE BURIED AT THE END OF A RAINBOW. FOR OUR NEXT GAME, WE'LL RACE AND SEE WHO CAN GET THE TREASURE FIRST!
SURE! LET'S GO!
WOW, ... YOU HAD BIG IMAGINATIONS AS KIDS... BUT I BET YOU STILL BELIEVE IN THAT STUFF NOW, TOO!
SO, I PRETENDED TO BE SICK TO GET OUT OF IT.
Chi-chan! Come out and play with us!
What, you want to pretend to be sick?
Yeah...
GOOD CHOICE. OTHERWISE YOU WERE JUST SETTING ROKA UP FOR DIS-SAPPOINT-MENT.
BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH ...
I'm sorry. Chi-chan can't come out and play today because, um... she's in the middle of an out-of-body experience.
SO YOUR SISTER JUST THREW GASOLINE ONTO THE FIRE?!

STAAAAARE
THE PRES-SURE WAS JUST TOO MUCH.
So, like, is she floating around right now?
GLANCE
GLANCE
Ooh! Ooh! Where is she? Where?!
W-wait! Hey!
AND SO THEY SAT AND STARED ME FOR HALF A DAY.
Maybe this is where a rainbow will appear...
SKEE
SKEE
Marbles
AND WHOSE FAULT IS THAT?!
I SPENT THE NEXT DAY CRAWLING THROUGH AN ABANDONED LOT, BURYING "TREASURE" EVERYWHERE!
UH, WE GET THIS PART! YOU CAN STOP NOW!
AFTER THAT, I SCRAMBLED AND STRUGGLED TO KEEP UP WITH TAMA AND ROKA'S GAMES--

--TRAINING MY HEART, MY BODY, AND MY MIND INTO THE PERSON I'VE BECOME TODAY!
THERE, SEE?! AT THE END, YOU TURNED THE WHOLE STORY INTO ONE GIANT HUMBLE-BRAG!!

You said it to me yourself! Don't you remember?!
Huh? Do I?

IT SOUNDS LIKE A ROUGH CHILDHOOD, BUT AT LEAST YOU GOT A SET OF SKILLS AND A UNIQUE PERSONALITY OUT OF IT...A PERSONALITY THAT DRIVES ME NUTS!
WHAT?! HEY!! WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT LINE BEFORE?!

Tsutsuji! Don't pick out all the bell peppers!
WHAT?!
I LIKED CHI-CHAN BETTER BEFORE!
SEE?!

Chi-chan, strawberry!
SWSH
TINK

Um... Okay...
Chi-chan, gimme your strawberry!

GRIN
I'M WHAT-FACED, NOW?
UH, TOO LATE. WE ALREADY KNOW YOU'RE HIDING SOMETHING. SPILL!
WELL?! WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
YOU'RE LOOKING AWFULLY STONE-FACED FOR ONCE. DID YOU TRY SKIPPING OUT ON A GAME, TOO?

I REMEMBER WHEN ROKA BROUGHT YOU TO OUR CLUB ROOM FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME...

FLINCH
I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENED BETWEEN SAKURA AND ROKA, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE IT HAPPENED THEN, RIGHT?

YOU SEE...
GLOOOM

HOLY CRAP! WHAT THE HECK DID SHE DO TO YOU?!
YOU HAD THIS TOTALLY EXHAUSTED, COMPLETELY DEFEATED LOOK ON YOUR FACE.

THAT WAS HOW I TRAINED MY HEART, BODY, AND MIND TO BECOME WHO I AM TODAY!! ♪
WELL THERE'S A REALLY BLATANT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT!!
DON'T COPY ME!

AND DON'T RUN AWAY!!
DASH
MRRRGH!! SHARING A SCHOOL LIFE WITH ONEECHAN SOUNDS SO COOL! I WANNA TRAIN MY HEART, BODY, AND MIND, TOO!!
IF YOU WANT IT SO BADLY, JUST DO IT AT HOME!!

ANYWAY, THIS MIGHT BE GOOD FOR YOU, KAZAMA-SEMPAI.
PEEK
IT'S A CHANCE FOR YOU TO GET TRAINED, TOO!
DON'T TRY AND ESCAPE IT. ROKA-SEMPAI IS VEEEEERY PERSISTENT.
Mwah-ha ha...
!!
GOOD LUCK~! ♪
...!!

SO BASICALLY, ANY PROMISE OF A REMATCH MUST'VE NOT BEEN AS IMPORTANT TO HER AS...
OKAY, SO YEAH. I DO FEEL BAD FOR FORGETTING ABOUT IT.
BUT CAN YOU BLAME ME? RIGHT AFTER THE WHOLE WAR OVER ROKA'S BAG THERE WAS THE TRIP TO THE ISLAND. ALL KINDS OF STUFF HAPPENED!

Don't under-estimate Roka-chan.
THERE IT IS AGAIN...

YEAH! DON'T YOU UNDER-ESTIMATE MY SISTER.
STOP UNDER-ESTIMATING HER.
CRAMP!

IF YOU TRAIN THE SAME NUMBER OF YEARS AS I DID, THAT WOULD PUT YOU IN YOUR THIRTIES... AND THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT JOINING THIS CLUB IS WHAT SHAPED YOU INTO THE MAN YOU ARE.
I THINK I'M ALREADY A BIT TOUGHER THAN YOU WERE AS A CHILD!

AND I'LL GIVE IT EVERY FREAKIN' THING I'VE GOT!!
ARGH!! OKAY, OKAY!! WE'LL DO THE STUPID RE-MATCH!!
UH-OH. HE SNAP-PED.
There!! Are you happy now?!

IF I'M GONNA DO THIS, IT'S GOING TO BE FOR KEEPS. SO, NO BUTTING IN, GOT IT?
.....
HUH?
IF I EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT INTERFERING, ROKA WOULD BE PISSED. I'M STAYING OUT OF IT.
WHEN ONEECHAN IS PLAYING FOR KEEPS, SHE CAN BE REALLY, REALLY SCARY. I ALWAYS STAY OUT OF HER WAY WHEN SHE GETS LIKE THAT!
UH, OKAY. GOOD.
SO, WHERE THE HECK IS SHE?!
GOOD QUESTION.
ROKA HARDLY EVER MISSES CLUB MEETINGS...
WHAT?!
UH-OH. THIS MAY BE EVEN MORE SERIOUS THAN WE THOUGHT.
HUH?!

HEH! SHE WON'T SPOOK ME THAT EASILY!
RABL RABL
WHAT, SHE'S ALREADY PREPARING FOR A FIGHT?!
WHO KNOWS WHAT SORT OF DEVIOUS AND INFERNAL TRICKS SHE IS CONCOCTING AT THIS VERY MOMENT!

WHY WOULD SHE SEND HER DECLARATION OF WAR TO TSUTSUJI AND NOT YOU?
Fork it over!
WHAT'S IT SAY?! IS IT HER OFFICIAL CHAL-LENGE?!
OOH! A TEXT FROM ONEE-CHAN!!
JINGLE JINGLE
Sender: ONEECHAN♡
RE:☆☆☆☆
Tsutsuji-chan, guess what? We're having curry for dinner tonight!
WHY DID I EVEN COME HERE?!
UH-OH. SOME-BODY SNAPPED AGAIN
THE ONLY THING SHE'S PREPARING IS SUPPER...
SNAP

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ZAP
BING
BING
BEEDLE BEEDLE DONG
SO...
ZAP
BIP BEEDLE

BING BING
FA-SHOOM
FA-SHOOM
YEAH?
BEEDLE
BEEDLE
BEEDLE ZAP
BIP BING

GLANCE
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

AND NOT THAT I CARE, BUT, UH...
FA-SHOOOM
UM... NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF MY BUSINESS ...
BEEP BEEP
BING BING
TAKKA カチャ
TAKKA カチャ
TAKKA カチャ
TAKKA カチャ

RIGHT. IN THAT CASE...
NOT REALLY.

Chapter 62
Oh Wait. I'm Not In This Club.
WHY ARE YOU HANGING OUT IN OUR CLUB ROOM?

IF YOU DON'T WANT ME HERE, I'LL GO.
HUH?!
UM--!

.....
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA

WH-WHATEVER. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE IN THE WAY.

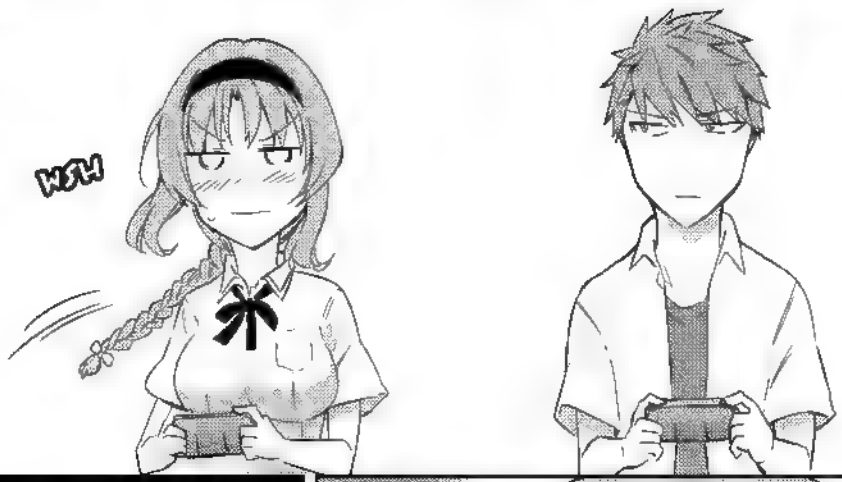
WHAT?! YOU AND ROKA HAD A FIGHT?!
UHH ...
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THE CAPTAIN AND I UH...HAD A DISAGREEMENT. SO, THINGS ARE A LITTLE AWKWARD FOR ME OVER THERE RIGHT NOW.
TAKKA TAKKA

REALLY? WELL, IF ROKA IS SKIPPING CLUB, SHE MUST HAVE A REALLY GOOD REASON FOR IT.
ANYWAY, IT'S NOT JUST ME. SHE HASN'T BEEN SHOWING UP FOR CLUB EITHER.
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA

THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE THOSE IDIOTS KEEP PULLING THE SAME STUPID CRAP!
BUT... DOESN'T THAT HAPPEN EVERY DAY? YOU'RE ALWAYS YELLING AT PEOPLE IN YOUR CLUB ROOM.
What's with that?

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT HIS REA-SONS, TOO...
IF SHE'S GONNA PLAY HOOKY, THEN SHE'S GOT NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT ME DOING THE SAME.
It's not like I go all the time anyway.
TAKKA
TAKKA
TAKKA

BOOOOM!
Crap! I died
GO!


WSH

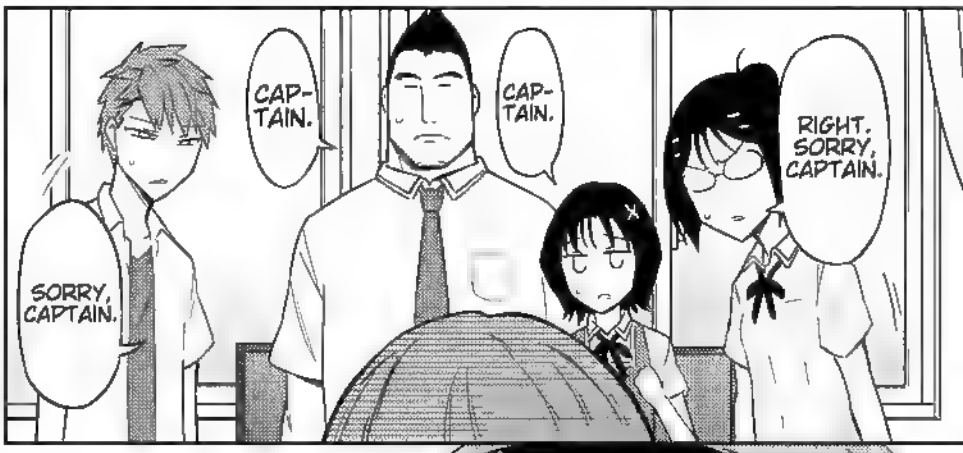
AAAUGH!! SHE IS SOOOO HOPELESS!!
Tch!

S-SO, UM...I-ISN'T TODAY JUST THE, UH, THE PERFECT DAY TO PLAY GAMES?
A "PERFECT" DAY? ASIDE FROM A BLACKOUT, WHEN WOULD BE A "BAD" DAY FOR IT?

WHA?!
YOU AREN'T INTERRUPTING A THING!
LOOK. I MEAN IT. IF I'M INTERRUPTING SOMETHING, I CAN GO.
MRRRRGH!!
UH, THAT LOOKS LIKE THE NORMAL, REGULAR GIRLS' UNIFORM TO ME! WHAT'S SO "SPECIAL" ABOUT IT?!
Woo-hoo! わあい!!
IN FACT, WHEN YOU COME TO VISIT, SAKURAGAOKA-KUN PUTS ON SPECIAL, EXTRA-CUTE OUTFITS FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO FIGHTING ABOUT?!
LOOK, I DIDN'T MEAN IT AS AN INSULT! AROUND HERE, "REGULAR" AND "NORMAL" ARE RARE AND PRECIOUS COMMODITIES !!
WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT?!
"NORMAL"? "REGULAR"?! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT! THIS IS A SPECIAL, BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!!

ZWISH
THIS ISN'T THE (TEMP) CLUB, YOU KNOW!
STOP IT! BOTH OF YOU QUIT ARGUING THIS INSTANT!

"CAPTAIN"...
OH, WAIT. I'M NOT IN THIS CLUB.


SORRY, CAPTAIN.
CAP-TAIN.
CAP-TAIN.
RIGHT. SORRY, CAPTAIN.

WELL GOOD FOR YOU, CAPTAIN. ISN'T THAT JUST SO NICE, CAPTAIN. RIGHT, CAPTAIN?
HUH? WH-WHAT? TH-THAT WASN'T ANYTHING ...
TP TP TP
UH-HUH, SURE. HOW-EVER ...

EH HEH HEH HEH ...

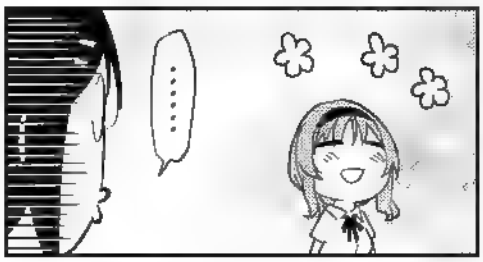
Whisper
IMAGINE SOME-THING WITH ME.
Whisper
NOW I WANT YOU TO LISTEN VEEERY CAREFULLY, CAPTAIN.
DON'T YOU DARE SETTLE FOR JUST THAT LITTLE SCRAP!!
HUH ?!
BWUH?!
Whisper
I WANT YOU TO PICTURE THE DAY THAT KAZAMA-SEMPAI JOINS OUR CLUB.

Want me to help you out?
Heh heh!
Man, this game is hard!
Oh, that one? Its prequel was pretty good too.
This game looks interest-ing.
CAN'T YOU JUST SEE IT? ALL THE WONDERFUL CLUB ACTIVITIES YOU COULD SHARE...
Okay, okay
Stop trying to slack off and come to club!

BOFF
THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN IMAGINE?!
?!
HUH? BUT... THAT'S WHAT OUR CLUB MEETINGS ARE LIKE...
GOD, YOU'RE SO DENSE! HERE! TAKE A LOOK AT THIS GAME HERE! SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
WSH
Dating Sim HEAVENLY HUBBIES
Come home with me tonight!
BUT I'M NOT REALLY INTO VISUAL NOVELS...
Umm...
EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS! PLAY SOMETHING OTHER THAN PLATFORMERS AND SHOOTERS FOR ONCE!
WHAT ARE THOSE TWO WHISPERING ABOUT OVER THERE?
I EXPECT IT IS SOME SORT OF "GIRL TALK." BEST THAT WE LEAVE THEM TO IT.
IT'S GOTTA BE ROUGH AROUND HERE FOR YOU AS THE ONLY GUY.
HM? BUT I'M NOT... OH!
YES. IT IS.
THOUGH HONESTLY, I'M PRETTY MUCH IN THE SAME BOAT.
Er, but what about me?
THOUGH, WITH THAT CREW, THERE ARE BIGGER ISSUES THAN JUST BEING ONE GUY AMONG A PACK OF GIRLS.

UH, IF YOU'RE TRYING TO COMPARE US TO YOUR (TEMP) CLUB, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU DIDN'T...
MAN, YOU GUYS HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB OF MAKING THIS INTO AN ACTUAL, NORMAL CLUB.
I'm not the only one who has to play straight man, either. That makes it so much easier.
HUH?!

HOLY CRAP, CAPTAIN! YOU ARE EASY!! SO, SO EASY! YOU ARE, LIKE, CAPTAIN EASY!!
BUT YOU DO WORK PRETTY HARD FOR THE CLUB, SO I GUESS YOU'VE EARNED SOME PRAISE...!
DWAH?!
"An actual, normal club!!"
TH-THANK YOU! THAT MAKES ALL MY HARD WORK FOR THIS CLUB WORTH IT!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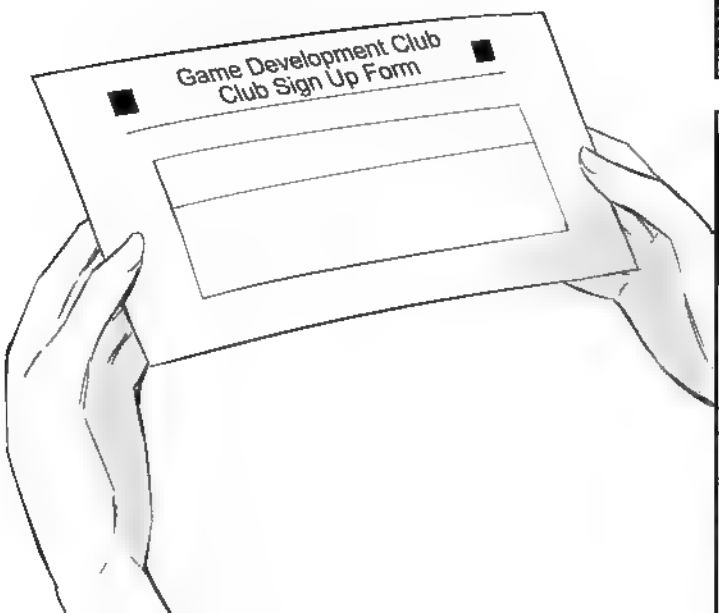
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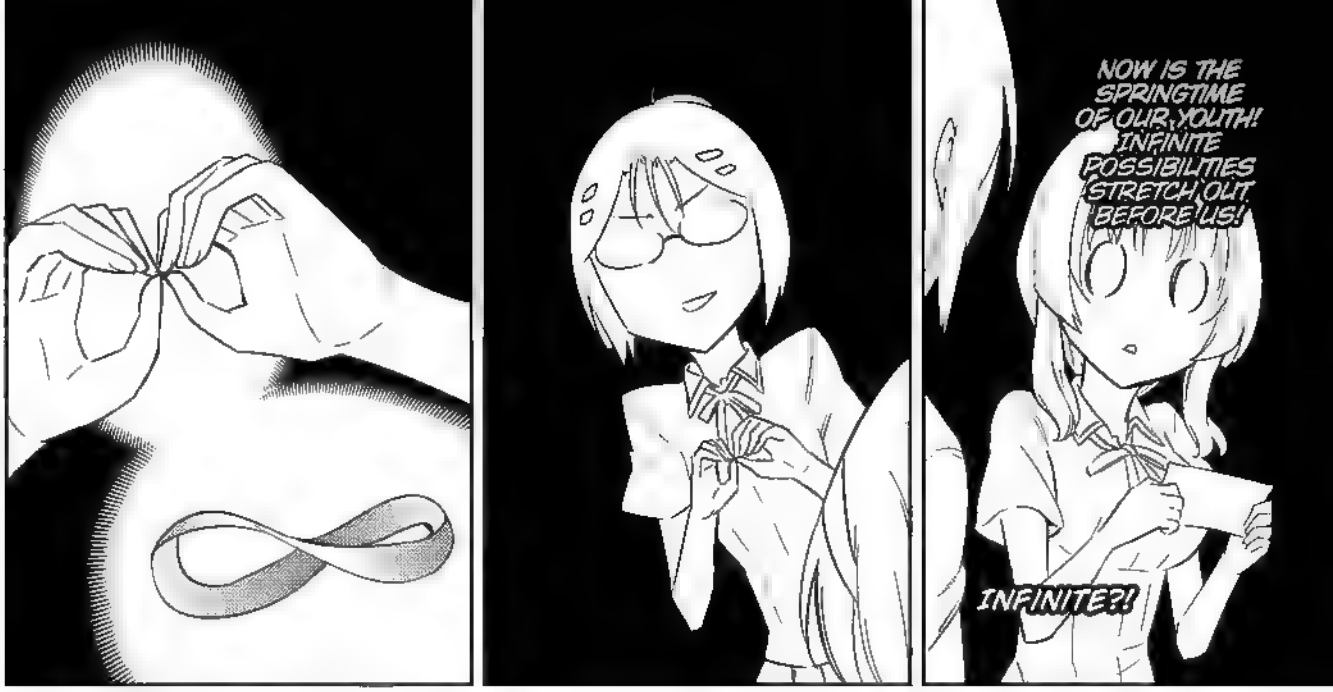
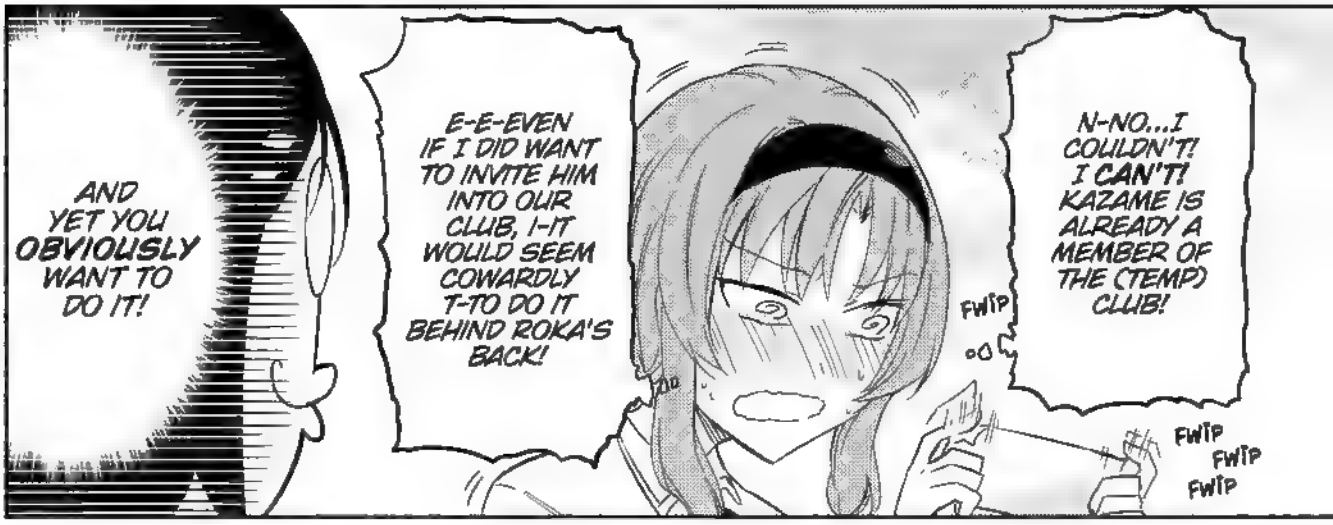
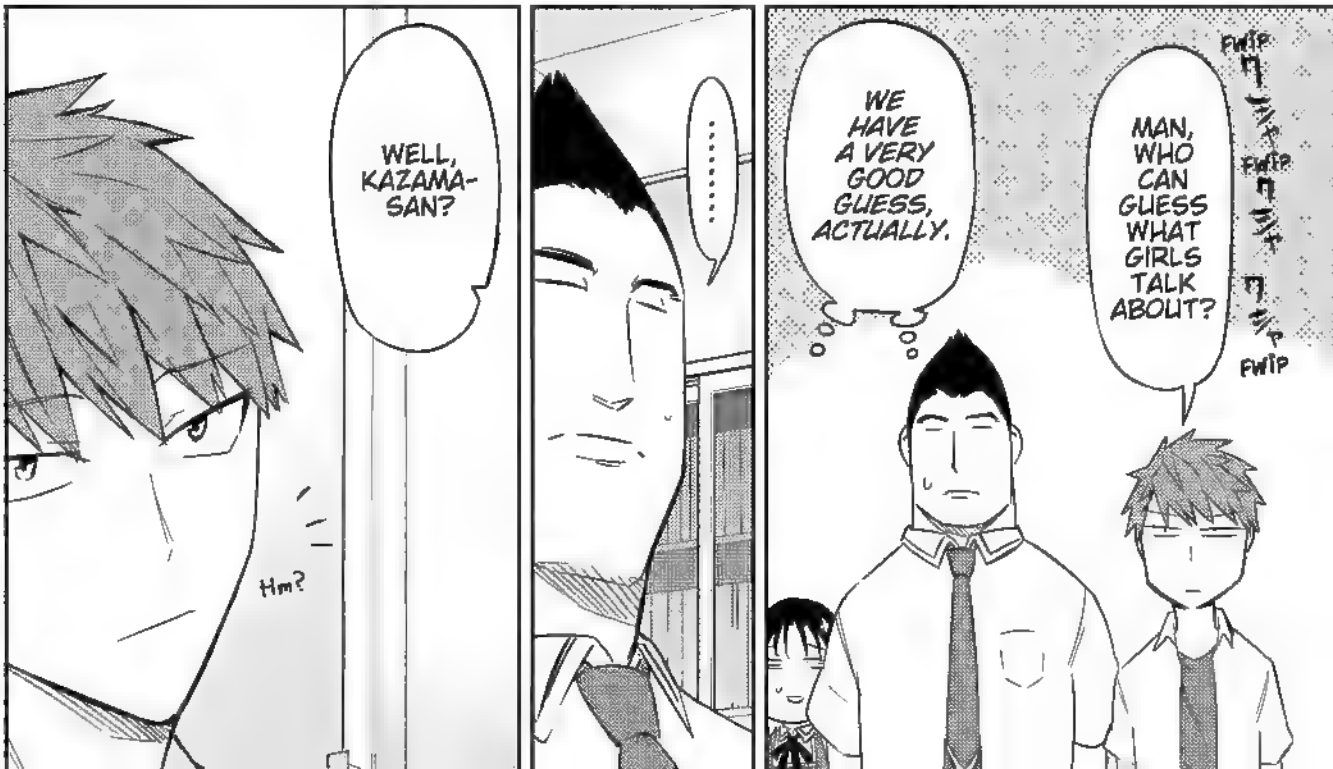
HERE, CAPTAIN TAKAO. I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU.
HM?


NOW IS THE SPRINGTIME OF OUR YOUTH! INFINITE POSSIBILITIES STRETCH OUT BEFORE US!
INFINITE?!


N-NO...I COULDN'T! I CAN'T! KAZAME IS ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE (TEMP) CLUB!
FWIP
FWIP FWIP FWIP
E-E-EVEN IF I DID WANT TO INVITE HIM INTO OUR CLUB, I-IT WOULD SEEM COWARDLY T-TO DO IT BEHIND ROKA'S BACK!
AND YET YOU OBVIOUSLY WANT TO DO IT!


MAN, WHO CAN GUESS WHAT GIRLS TALK ABOUT?
FWIP FWIP FWIP FWIP
WE HAVE A VERY GOOD GUESS, ACTUALLY.
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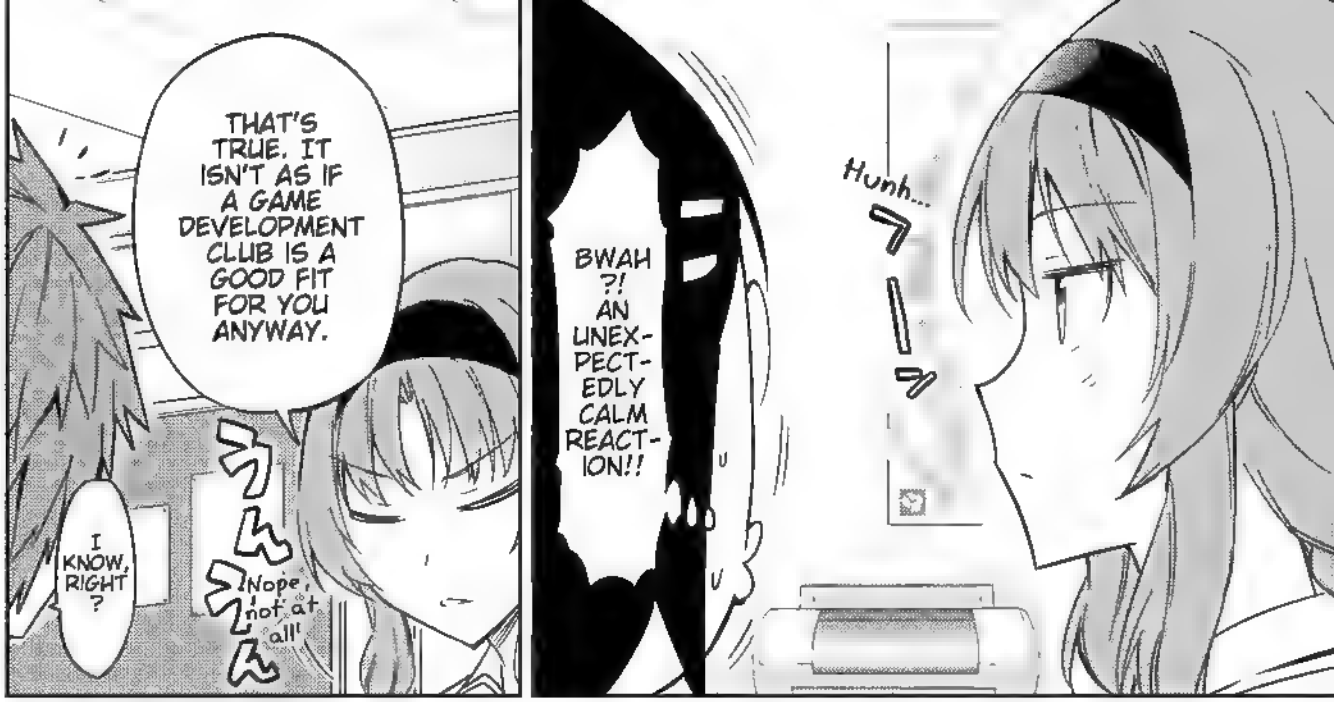
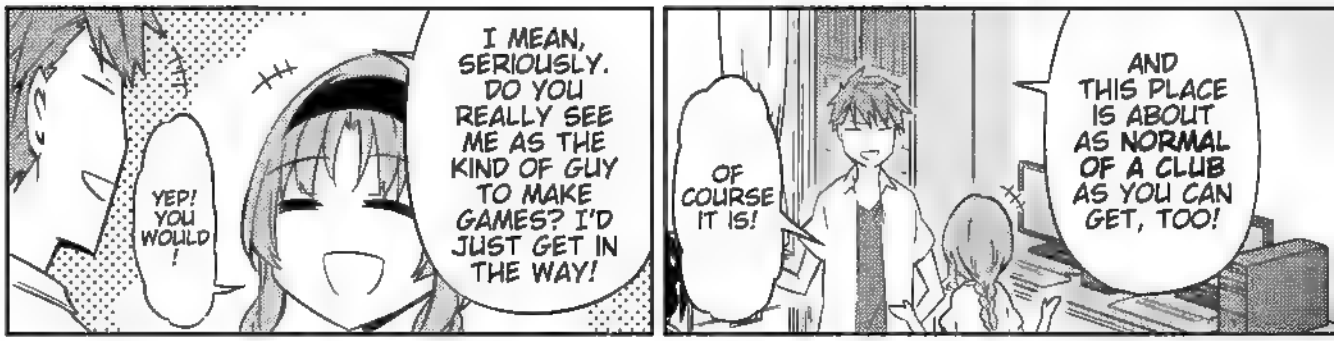
WELL, KAZAMA-SAN?
Hm?

I TOTALLY DIDN'T EXPECT YAMADA TO GO ON THE ATTACK!!
HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR CLUB FOR A TIME?

!!
Not gonna happen!
NAAAH! THANKS, BUT NO THANKS.
UM! ONLY I-IF YOU WANT...
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL

IF I HADN'T GOTTEN DRAGGED INTO THE (TEMP) CLUB, I WOULDN'T EVEN BE BOTHERING WITH ANY OF THIS CLUB CRAP AT ALL.


THAT'S TRUE. IT ISN'T AS IF A GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB IS A GOOD FIT FOR YOU ANYWAY.
I KNOW, RIGHT?
Nope, not at all!
BWAH?! AN UNEXPECTEDLY CALM REACTION!!
Hunh...


I MEAN, SERIOUSLY. DO YOU REALLY SEE ME AS THE KIND OF GUY TO MAKE GAMES? I'D JUST GET IN THE WAY!
YEP! YOU WOULD!
OF COURSE IT IS!
AND THIS PLACE IS ABOUT AS NORMAL OF A CLUB AS YOU CAN GET, TOO!

AUGH!! SHE'S TOTALLY RUINED IT NOW!!
BWUH?! DIDN'T YOU SAY IT WAS OKAY FOR ME TO STAY?!
SO HOW ABOUT YOU GO ON AND GET OUT, THEN?

THEN THINGS ARE GOING TO KEEP GETTING WORSE...
AND YOU'LL WIND UP JUST LIKE SHE AND I DID, BEFORE.
IF YOU THINK IT'S TOO MUCH OF A PAIN TO DEAL WITH AND KEEP ON AVOIDING HER...
WHOA!
ALSO, I DON'T THINK I LIKE THE IDEA OF YOU USING OUR CLUB ROOM AS YOUR OWN LITTLE HIDEOUT SPOT ANY-MORE!
NOW STOP MAKING POUTY FACES AND GET YOUR BUTT BACK TO YOUR OWN CLUB!
HOLD UP! WHERE'D ALL THIS COME FROM?!
WHA ?!
YOU'RE A PRETTY BIG PAIN IN THE BUTT YOURSELF, YA KNOW.
UGH!! THAT'S IT! GET OUT!!
STOP MOPING ABOUT HERE AND GO FIX YOUR OWN PROBLEMS!! WAFFLING AND STALLING LIKE THIS MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE AN INDECISIVE COWARD!!
AH!

Y-YOU WILL?
FINE. I'LL GO BACK TO MY OWN CLUB.
GOOD POINT.
SORRY TO BUG YOU.
CAP-TAIN? YOU OKAY?
.....
PLIP PLIP
OH NO! CAPTAIN EASY, REPORT-ING FOR DUTY AGAIN!!

FLAIL FLAIL
SA-KURA-GAO-KA-KUN?!
OH, WAIT! I'M A BOY!!
FROM ONE GIRL TO AN-OTHER, I COM-PLETELY RESPECT YOU!
YES! YES IT WAS!
YOU ACTED LIKE A STRONG AND DECISIVE WOMAN! YOU WERE SO COOL!
FLAIL FLAIL
CAPTAIN TAKAO, YOU DID GREAT! FORGET ABOUT THAT JERK!
COME ON!
FLAIL FLAIL

SA-KU-RA-GAO-KA-KUN?!
INADA, SHUT UP!
I KNEW FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THERE WAS NO WAY HE WOULD EVER COME JOIN OUR CLUB!
SA-KU-RA-GAO-KA-KUN?!
I TRIED BUT I KNEW THERE WASN'T ANYTHING I COULD DO... I KNEW THAT, BUT...!
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!

ACK! NO FIGHT-ING!
HMPH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK HERE?!

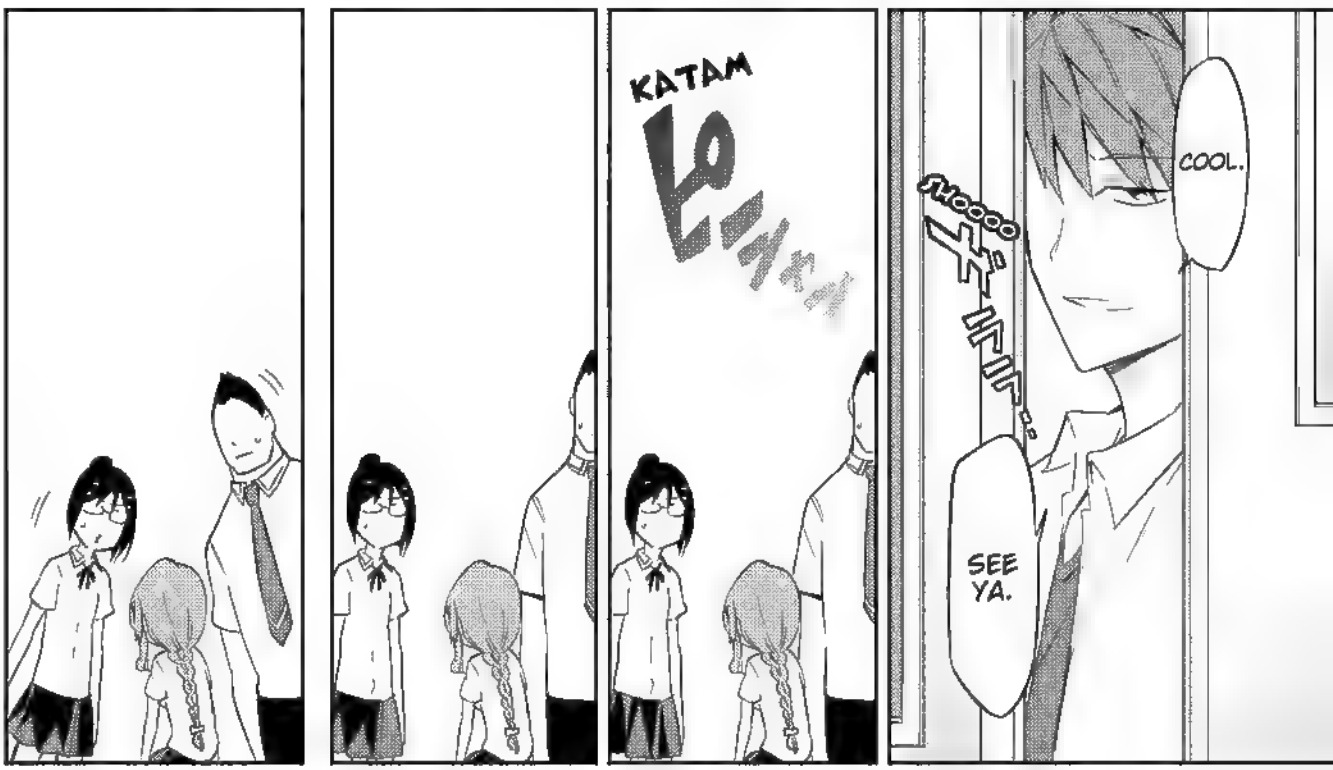
SCHOOL
HEY, UH...

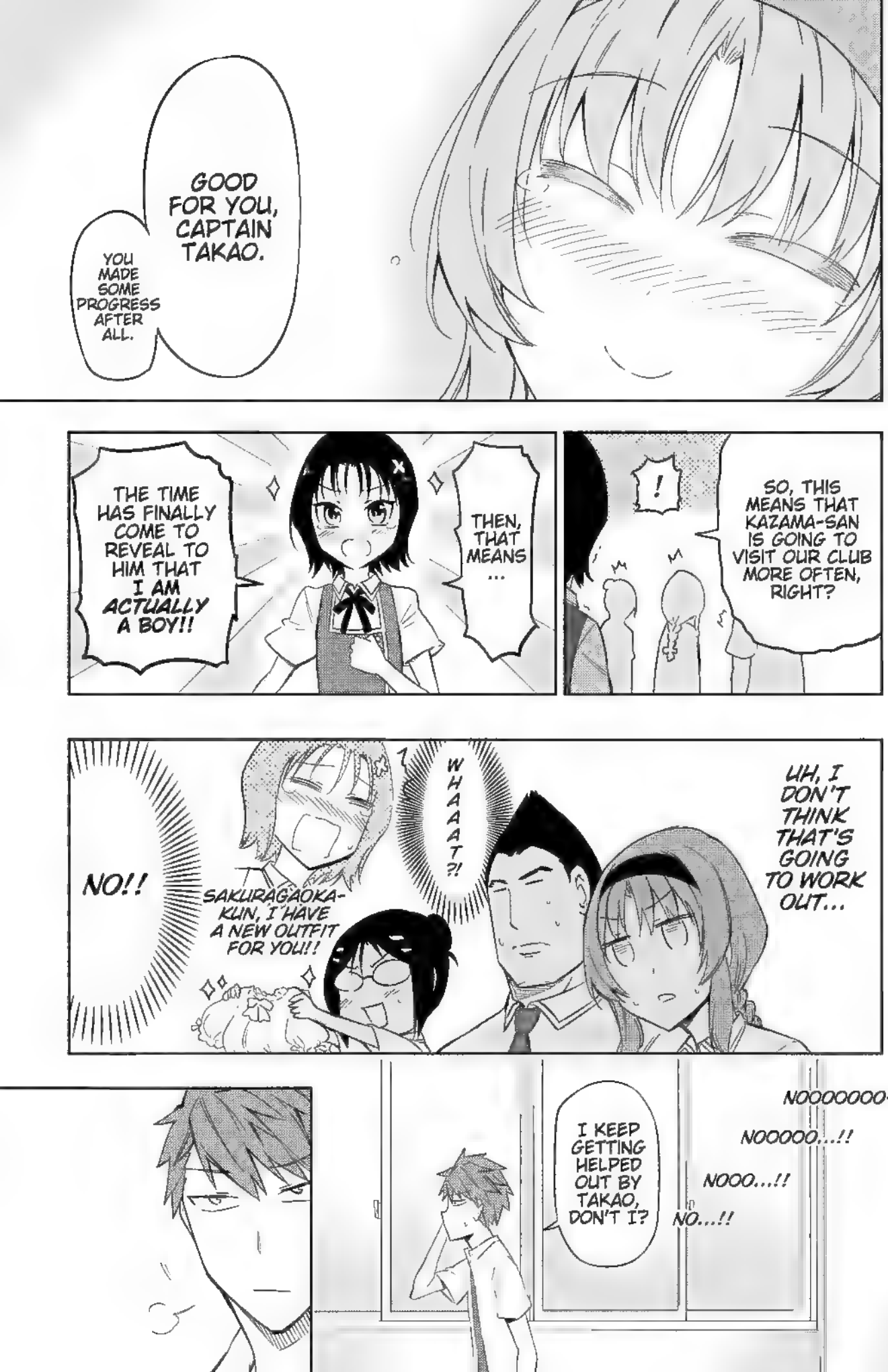
ONCE THAT'S ALL CLEANED UP, I'LL COME ON OVER AND PLAY GAMES WITH YOU GUYS LIKE A NORMAL GUEST.

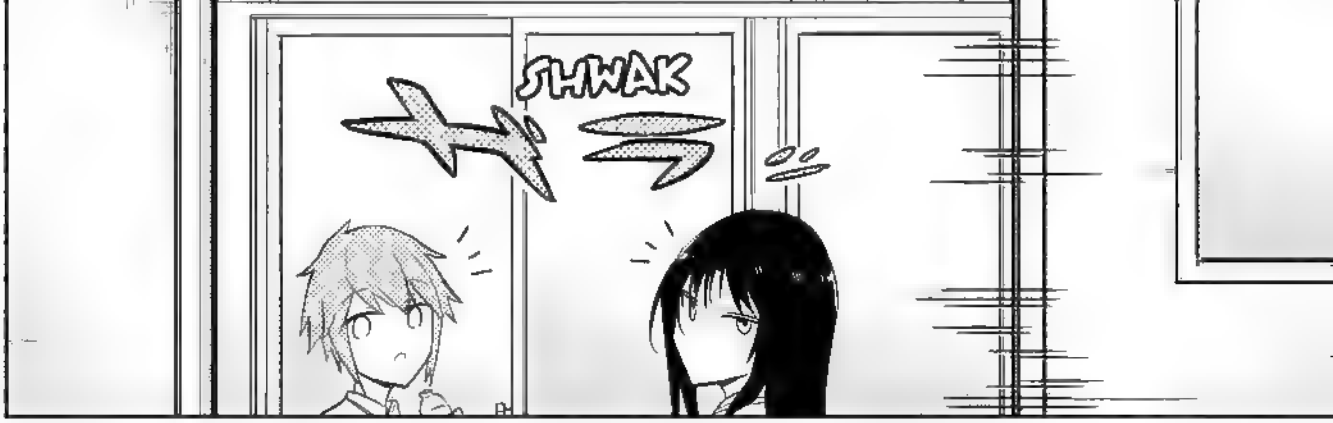
I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M SORRY FOR USING YOUR CLUB AS A PLACE TO HIDE FROM MY PROBLEMS.
I'LL, UH...I'LL FIGURE OUT SOME WAY TO GET IT ALL STRAIGHT-ENED OUT, I GUESS.

SPRING
PLEASE DO!!
SPRING
UNLESS YOU DON'T WANT ME AROUND ...
EH ...?

SURE.
YEAH ...
.....


KATAM
COOL.
SEE YA.


GOOD FOR YOU, CAPTAIN TAKAO.
YOU MADE SOME PROGRESS AFTER ALL.
THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME TO REVEAL TO HIM THAT I AM ACTUALLY A BOY!!
THEN, THAT MEANS ...
!
SO, THIS MEANS THAT KAZAMA-SAN IS GOING TO VISIT OUR CLUB MORE OFTEN, RIGHT?
NO!!
SAKURAGAOKA-KUN, I HAVE A NEW OUTFIT FOR YOU!!
WHAAAAT?!
UH, I DON'T THINK THAT'S GOING TO WORK OUT...
I KEEP GETTING HELPED OUT BY TAKAO, DON'T I?
NOOOOOOO--!!
NOOOOO...!!
NOOO...!!
NO...!!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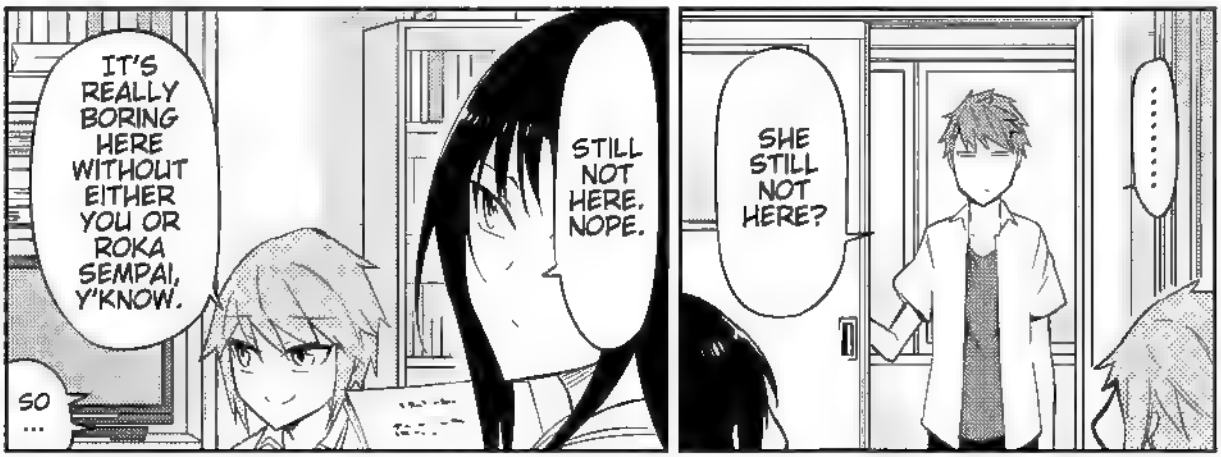
SO...
IT'S REALLY BORING HERE WITHOUT EITHER YOU OR ROKA SEMPAI, Y'KNOW.
STILL NOT HERE. NOPE.
SHE STILL NOT HERE?
.....

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I'M GONNA HAVE TO GO ON THE ATTACK.
LOOKS LIKE I DON'T GOT A CHOICE.

D-FRAGMENTS
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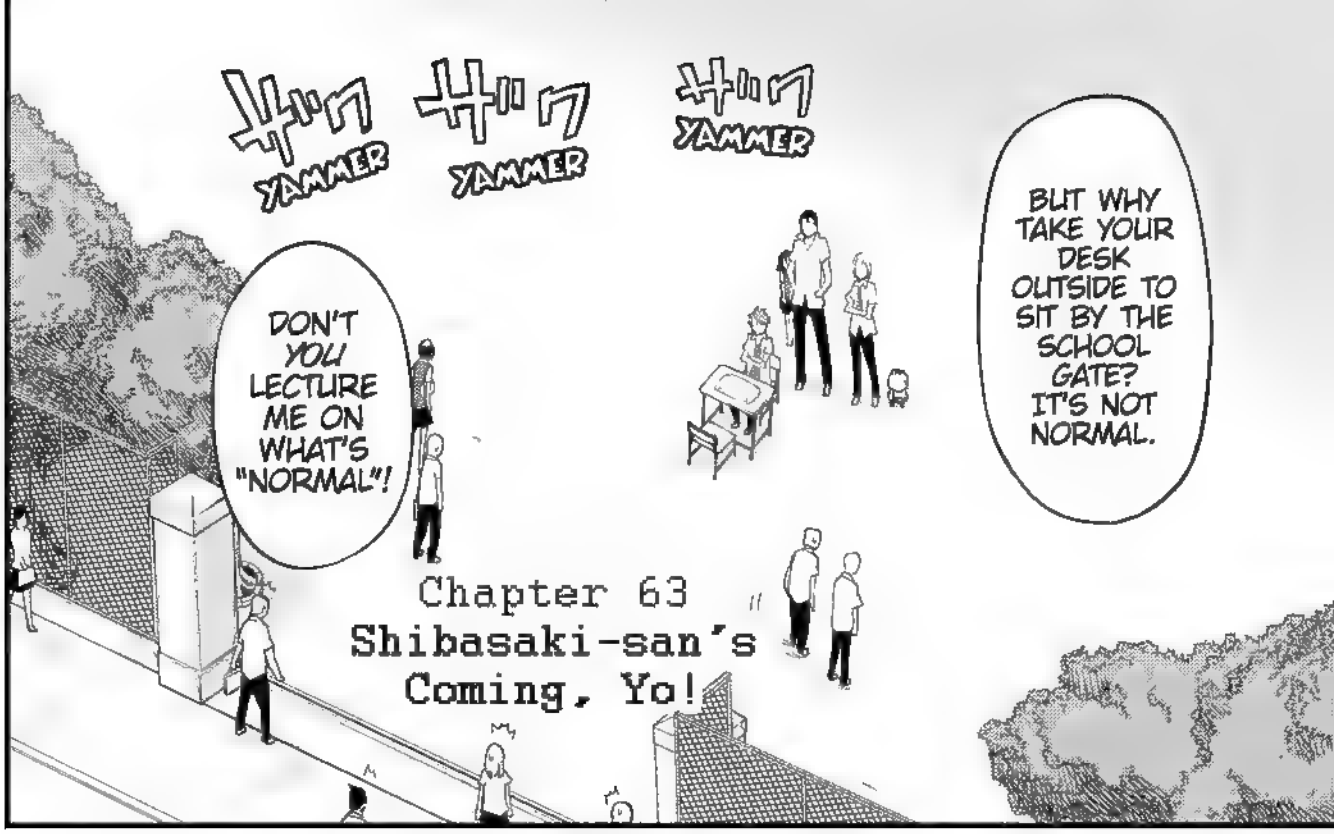
OKAY, THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD...
CHATTER
CHATTER

I GOTTA SEE THIS, THROUGH.

KENJI, YOU'RE SERIOUS ABOUT THIS, AREN'T YOU?
YEAH.


YAMMER
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YAMMER
DON'T YOU LECTURE ME ON WHAT'S "NORMAL"!
BUT WHY TAKE YOUR DESK OUTSIDE TO SIT BY THE SCHOOL GATE? IT'S NOT NORMAL.

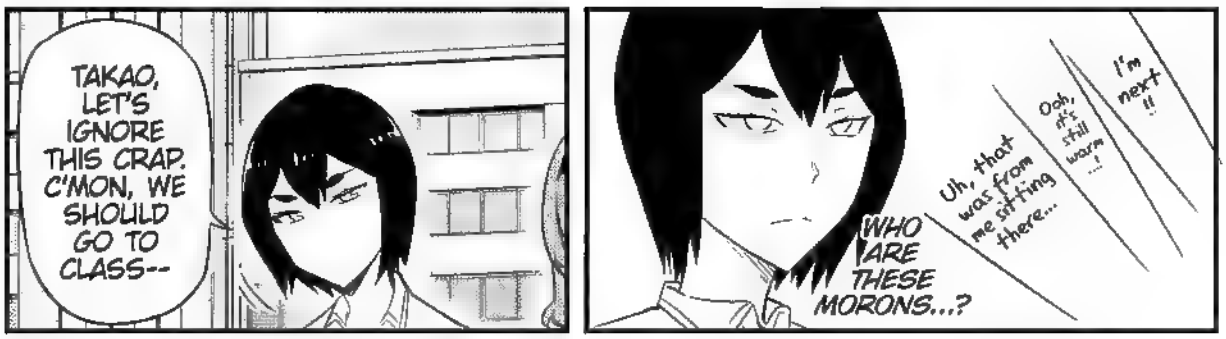
Chapter 63
Shibasaki-san's Coming, Yo!

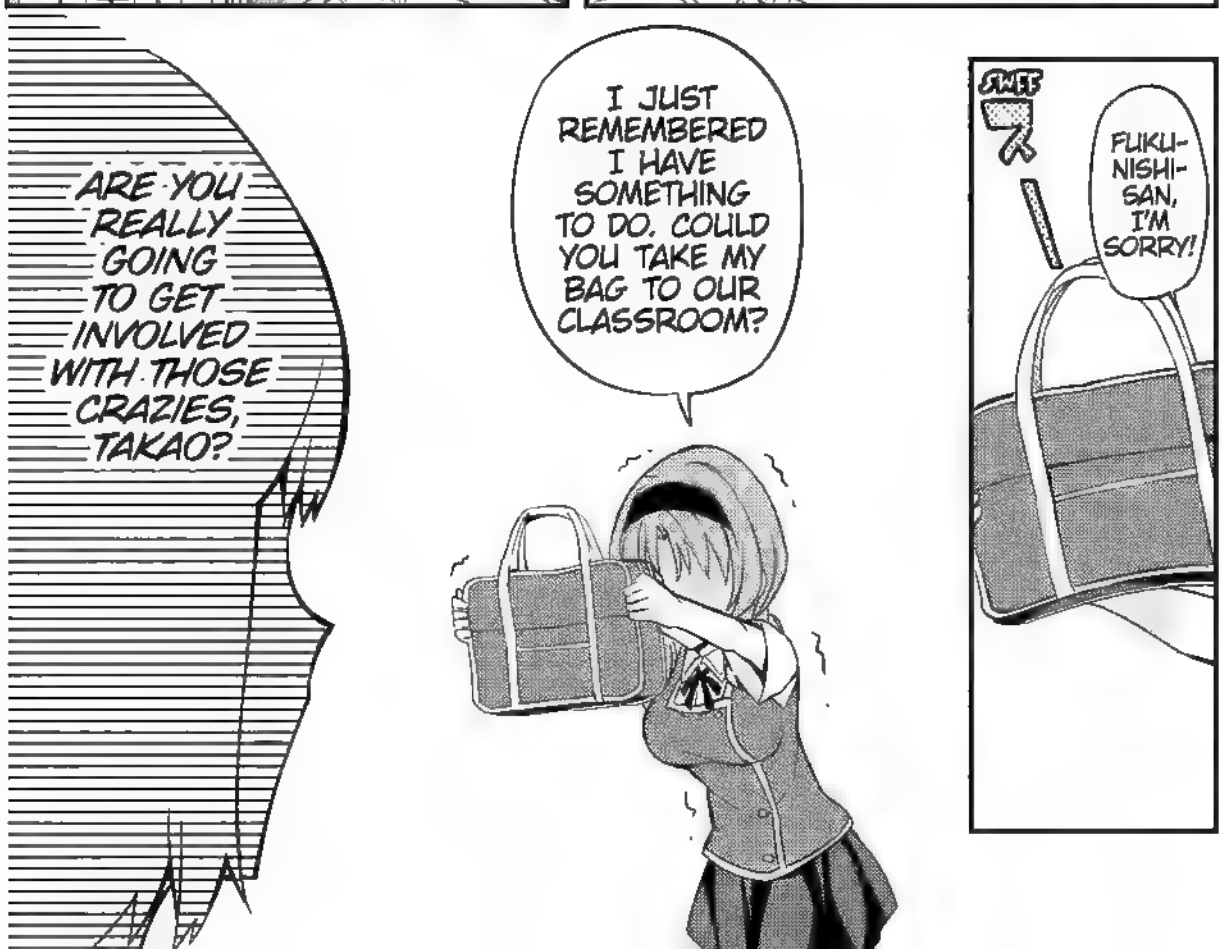
Um...
FUNABORI-SAN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
.....!!

UM, YEAH, BUT WHY ARE YOU HERE SO EARLY?
YOU SURE GET HERE EARLY.
I'VE GOT MY REA-SONS.
OH. KAZA-MA-KUN!
HEY.
I...

I'll bring it back, I promise.
AH. ACTUALLY, THIS IS PERFECT. HEY, FUNABORI! MIND IF I BORROW YOUR DESK?
HUH?!
UM! WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT DESK?
KLUNK
HUP.

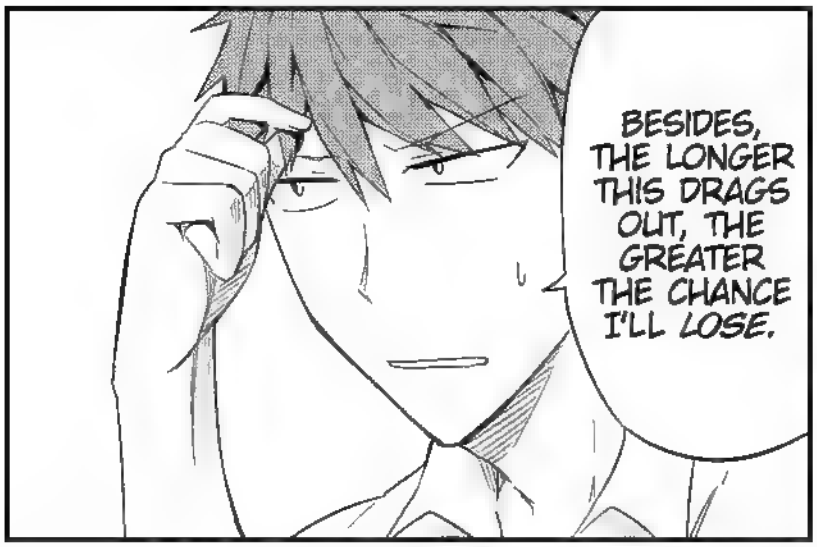
It's my turn next!
Lemme sit there!
No, mine!!
ALL OF YOU GET LOST!!
YAMMER
AHA. SO THIS IS FUNABORI'S DESK AND CHAIR, THEN.
PLUNK
WHY ARE YOU SITTING IN IT ?!
.....
P-please... Go ahead.


TAKAO, LET'S IGNORE THIS CRAP. C'MON, WE SHOULD GO TO CLASS--
WHO ARE THESE MORONS...?
Uh, that was from me sitting there...
Ooh, it's still warm...!
I'm next!!


ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO GET INVOLVED WITH THOSE CRAZIES, TAKAO?
I JUST REMEMBERED I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO. COULD YOU TAKE MY BAG TO OUR CLASSROOM?
SWIFT
FUKU-NISHI-SAN, I'M SORRY!

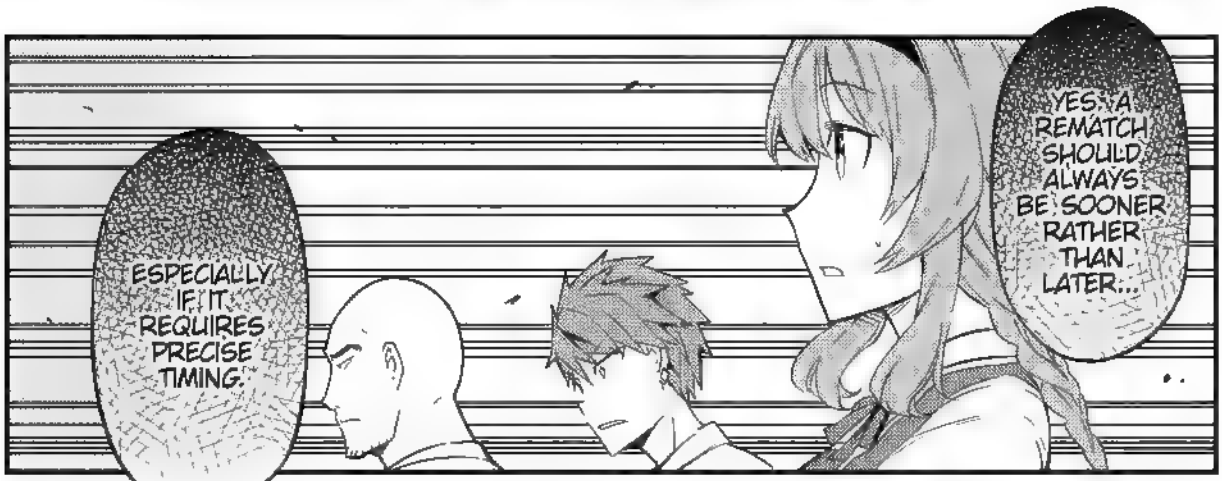
SO, THAT'S "FUKU-NISHI," TAKAO'S ONE FRIEND...
THIS IS SUCH AN EMBAR-RASS-MENT.
ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?
I'M LISTENING. IF YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSED, LEAVE.
HARUMPH!
WHAT IS WITH YOU TODAY ?!
WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?
SO...
GOD! JUST LEAVE ME ALONE, OKAY?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME TO GO SETTLE THINGS WITH ROKA.
OH...!
STOP MOPING ABOUT HERE AND GO FIX YOUR OWN PROBLEMS!! WAFFLING AND STALLING LIKE THIS MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE AN INDECISIVE COWARD!!

YAMMER
YAMMER
YAMMER
W-WELL, YEAH, I DID...!
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU FINALLY DOING SOME-THING... BUT WHY THE HECK ARE YOU SITTING OUT HERE?!
SHE'LL COME HERE SOONER THAN THE CLASS-ROOM.
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT SOON!!


BESIDES, THE LONGER THIS DRAGS OUT, THE GREATER THE CHANCE I'LL LOSE.

WHAT ELSE AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? SHE ISN'T COMING TO CLUB.
Grumm

Huh? Why?


YES, A REMATCH SHOULD ALWAYS BE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER...
ESPECIALLY IF IT REQUIRES PRECISE TIMING.

AH. SO THIS IS THE KAZAMA GANG, EH?
AND THEY'RE TOTALLY NEW CHARACTERS!! WHY DO ALL THE DELINQUENTS AROUND HERE COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME?!
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
IN OTHER WORDS... TODAY IS THE DAY YOUR TIME RUNS OUT, KAZAMA GANG.
WELL, ISN'T THIS JUST THE LAST THING WE NEED!!
LEAVE THIS TO US, KEN-CHAN.
NO! NOT NOW! NOW IS BAD!
Here come the teachers!!
WHAT'S THIS? WHAT ARE ALL THESE STUDENTS DOING OUT HERE?
AUGH!! THIS IS GONNA BE SUCH A PAIN!!
UH, I'M PRETTY SURE THIS WAS GOING TO BE A MESS WHETHER THOSE NEW CHARACTERS ARRIVED OR NOT.
SHFF
SWISH
AND WHAT ARE YOU?! THUGS OR DWEEBS?!
IT'S OKAY, SENSEI. THIS IS ALL JUST PART OF A REGULAR OL' CLUB ACTIVITY.

Shirt "Saturday"

WELL, IF BOTH THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND THE FORMER STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT VOUCH FOR IT...
AUGH! AND YET THE TEACHERS STILL TAKE THEIR WORD FOR IT!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH IT, OHSAWA-SENSEI?
?!
HUH...? UH...
I GUESS?
DO YOU ALWAYS SHOW UP AT SCHOOL HALF-ASLEEP?!
IT SEEMS THIS TIME MY AID IS NOT NECESSARY.
DUUN
GOOD MORNING, SEAN CONNERY-SENSEI!!
G'MORNING, SENSEI!
IT'S CONNERY-SENSEI!
HAVE YOU FINALLY MOVED PAST THEM, YOUNG KAZAMA?
HUH?
IT SEEMS LIKE LATELY THERE WERE DOUBTS WEIGHING HEAVILY UPON ON YOUR MIND.
THAT'S CONNERY-SENSEI FOR YOU.
ALWAYS CARING ABOUT HIS STUDENTS.

EHEH HEH...
YES SIR. I, UH...I GOT THE PUSH I NEEDED FROM SOME FRIENDS.

NOT "SEMPAI." IT'S "TAMA-CHAN" TO YOU.
WELL, YEAH, I GUESS YOU DID GET THE BALL ROLLING, TAMA-SEMPAI.
GAWD. LIKE, WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT A LITTLE ADVICE ON HOW TO STAND OUT MORE WOULD LEAD TO THIS? AND WHO WAS IT WHO GAVE YOU THAT ADVICE, HMMM?

RMB RMB RMB RMB
SHIBA-SAKI-SAN'S COMING, YO!!
IT'S SHIBA-SAKI-SAN!!

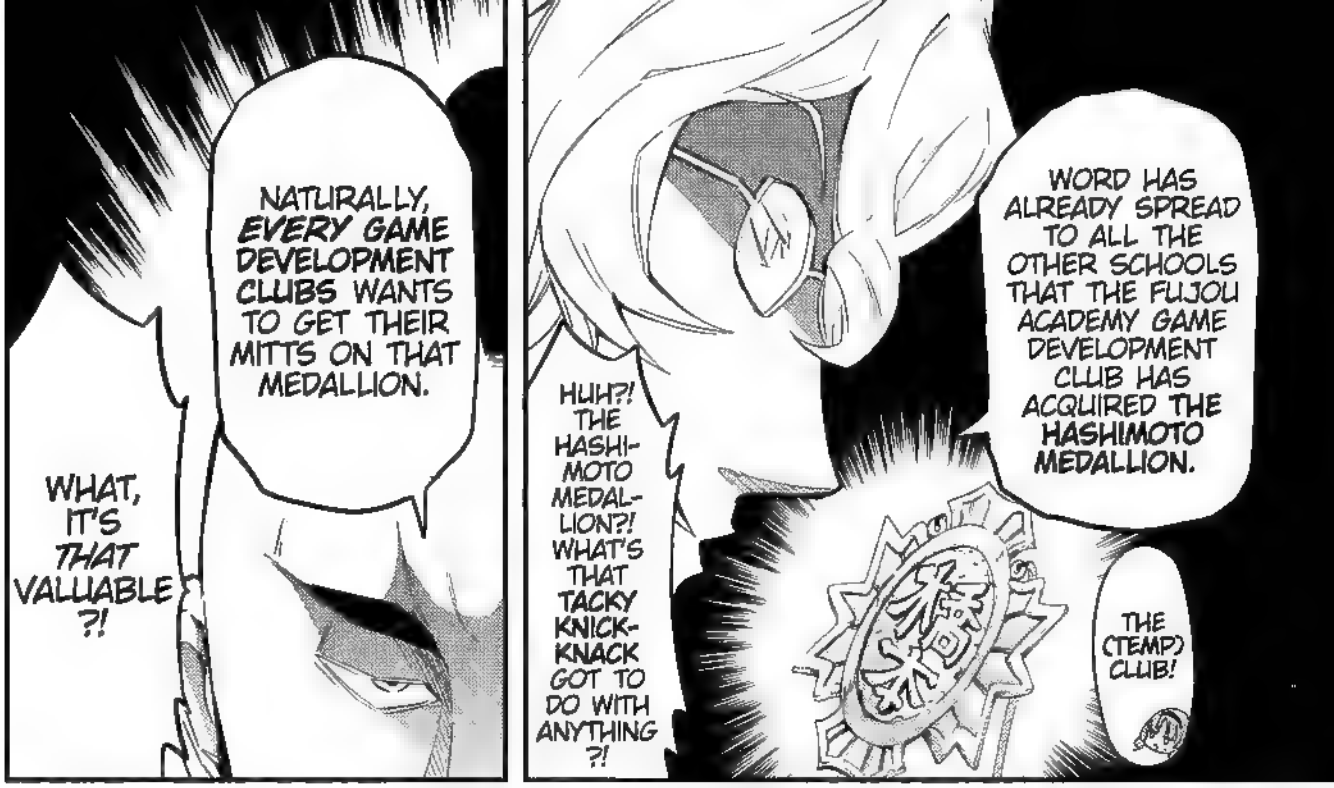
WHY DOES SHE ALREADY LOOK BEAT TO HELL?!
SHIBASAKI, DO YOU COMMUTE FROM HACHIOUJI TOO...?
トボトボ
TOTTER
IT'S ABOUT THE TWO OF US FINALLY SETTLING THINGS BETWEEN US.
HMM.
WH-WHAT ON EARTH IS ALL THIS ABOUT?!
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

DID YOU SERI-OUSLY JUST TURN ME DOWN?!
UM, SORRY. NOW REALLY ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT. PERHAPS LATER?
LOOM
MY, MY. ARGUING AMONG OURSELVES, ARE WE?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH I WENT THROUGH TO MAKE UP MY MIND AND SET ALL THIS UP?! DON'T YOU DARE TELL ME "MAYBE LATER"!
WHAT THE HELL ?!

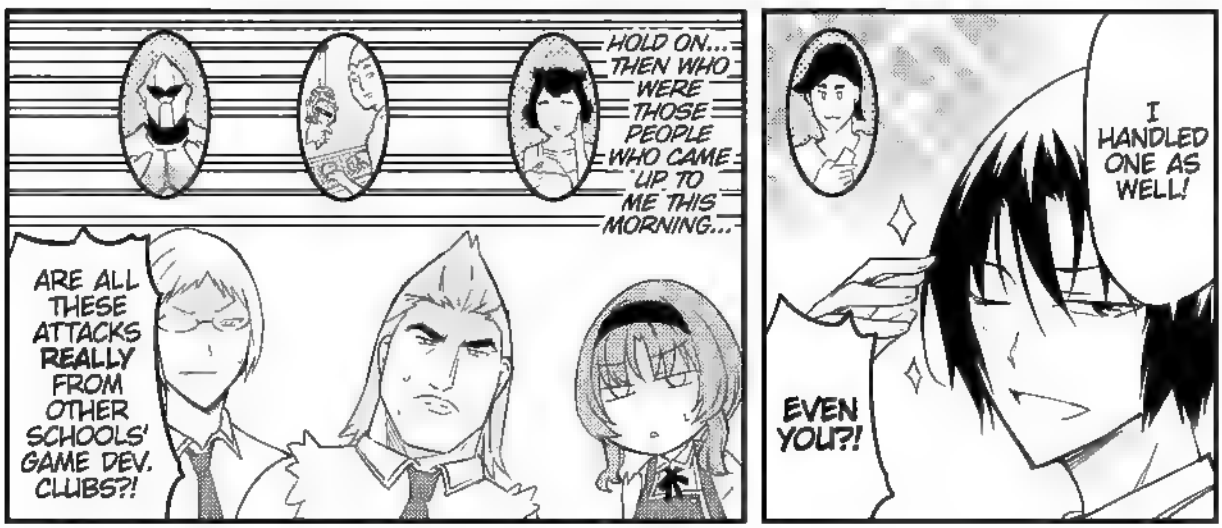
MORE NEW CHAR-ACTERS ?!!
Hur hur hur...
Mwah hah hah...
Heh heh heh...

...GAME DEVELOP-MENT CLUB!
AND THEY AREN'T EVEN NPCS FROM OUR OWN SCHOOL !!
ARE AN-OTHER SCHOOL'S ...
WE...

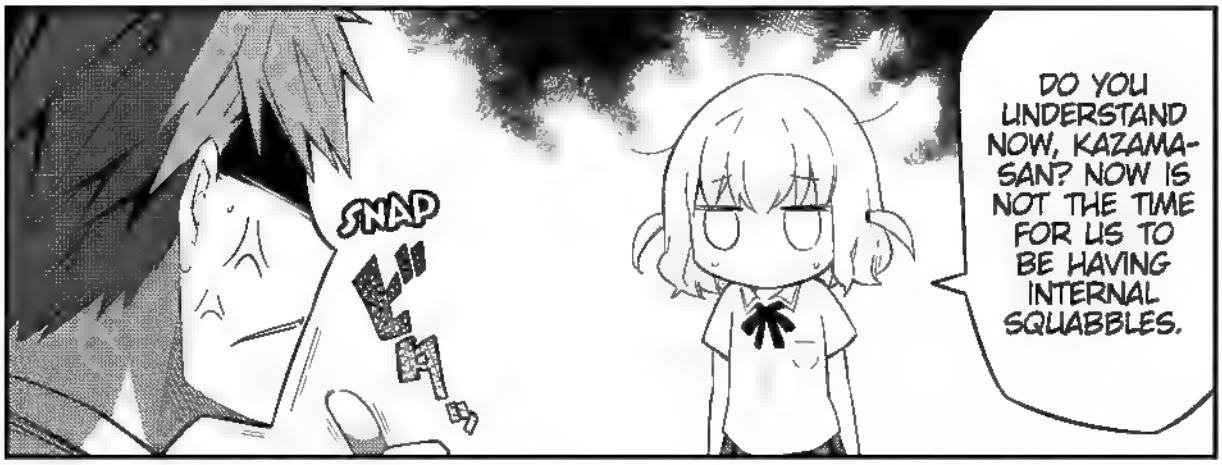
HEH. ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
IS IT SUP-POSED TO BE OBVIOUS ?
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?


NATURALLY, EVERY GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUBS WANTS TO GET THEIR MITTS ON THAT MEDALLION.
WHAT, IT'S THAT VALUABLE ?!
WORD HAS ALREADY SPREAD TO ALL THE OTHER SCHOOLS THAT THE FUJOU ACADEMY GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUB HAS ACQUIRED THE HASHIMOTO MEDALLION.
HUH?! THE HASHI-MOTO MEDAL-LION?! WHAT'S THAT TACKY KNICK-KNACK GOT TO DO WITH ANYTHING ?!
THE (TEMP) CLUB!

I DEALT WITH SOME, TOO!
Good morning!
YOU, TOO?! AND WHEN DID YOU GET HERE?!
HIT MEN, HUH? I DEALT WITH TWO THIS MORNING MYSELF.
They were a pair of weirdos.
YOU DID?!
She really kicked our butts!
I HAVE BEEN PLAYING GAMES WITH THESE THREE ALL MORNING, PROTECTING THE MEDALLION FROM THEM.
YOU'VE LOST ALREADY ?! THEN GO HOME!!


HOLD ON... THEN WHO WERE THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAME UP TO ME THIS MORNING...
ARE ALL THESE ATTACKS REALLY FROM OTHER SCHOOLS' GAME DEV. CLUBS?!
I HANDLED ONE AS WELL!
EVEN YOU?!

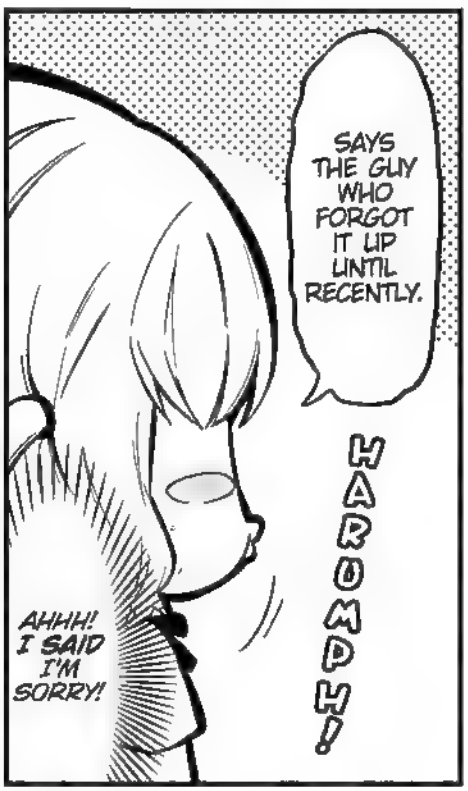
How come nobody came after me?!
DON'T THEY KNOW THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO GOT THAT MEDALLION?! ME!!


SNAP
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW, KAZAMA-SAN? NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR US TO BE HAVING INTERNAL SQUABBLES.

.....
HEH. REALLY?
GLEAM
WE MUST ALL COME TOGETHER AS A TEAM AND STAND AGAINST THE RISING HORDES OF OPPOSING GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUBS!!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
DO YOU REALLY THINK ALL OF US CAN "COME TOGETHER" RIGHT NOW?
ZZZ
LIKE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY?
"COME TOGETH-ER?" US?
FIRST AND FOREMOST, I DON'T GIVE A CRAP ABOUT SOME OTHER SCHOOLS' GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUBS.
AND I REALLY DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT DORKY MEDALLION.

RIGHT NOW, THERE IS NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT TO ME IN THIS WORLD THAN MY MATCH AGAINST YOU.


HARUMPH!
SAYS THE GUY WHO FORGOT IT UP UNTIL RECENTLY.
AHHH! I SAID I'M SORRY!

?!
Y'KNOW... MIGHT AS WELL JUST GET IT OVER WITH.
BUMP

C'MON. IT'S NOT LIKE IT'LL TAKE LONG.
YEAH, SHIBA-SAKI-SAN!
!!
BUMP

C'MON
C'MO-OON ...!
C'MON.
.....
WELL, I GUESS.
THERE IS A LITTLE BIT OF TIME LEFT BEFORE HOMEROOM BEGINS.
LET US GET THIS OVER WITH!
YEAH!
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THIS!!
GET YOUR BUTTS BACK TO YOUR OWN SCHOOL !!

I wonder if they'll be done by second period...

D-FRAGMENTS
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TP TP TP TP
We're gonna be late!
TP TP TP TP
We're late! We're late!
TP TP TP TP
Oh gosh, oh gosh...
!
WHOA!!
BWOOSH
WHAP
?!
DWAAAH?! WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?!
FWOOOO
DAD! THIS AURA !!
YES! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE FELT THIS, MY SON!

ALL I CAN TELL IS THAT SOMETHING BIG MUST BE GOING DOWN OVER THAT WAY!
GOOD! IF YOU CAN FEEL THAT MUCH, THAT'S A GOOD FIRST STEP!
BWOOOOOSH
BWOOOOOSH
STAND TALL AND KEEP A FIRM GRIP ON YOUR CHI! IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL BE BLOWN AWAY!
HUH?! BLOWN AWAY?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
DAD! IT LOOKS LIKE THIS GUY IS A BEGIN-NER!

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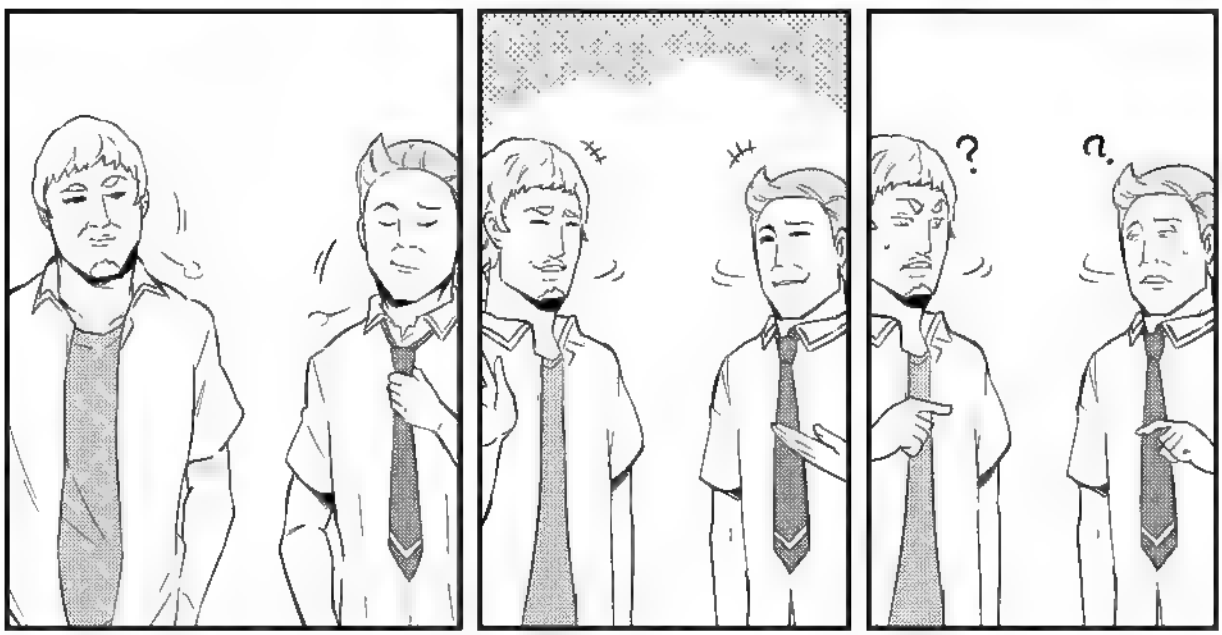
WHAT COULD BE HAP-PENING THERE THIS TIME?!
THAT WAY LIES FUJOU ACADEMY!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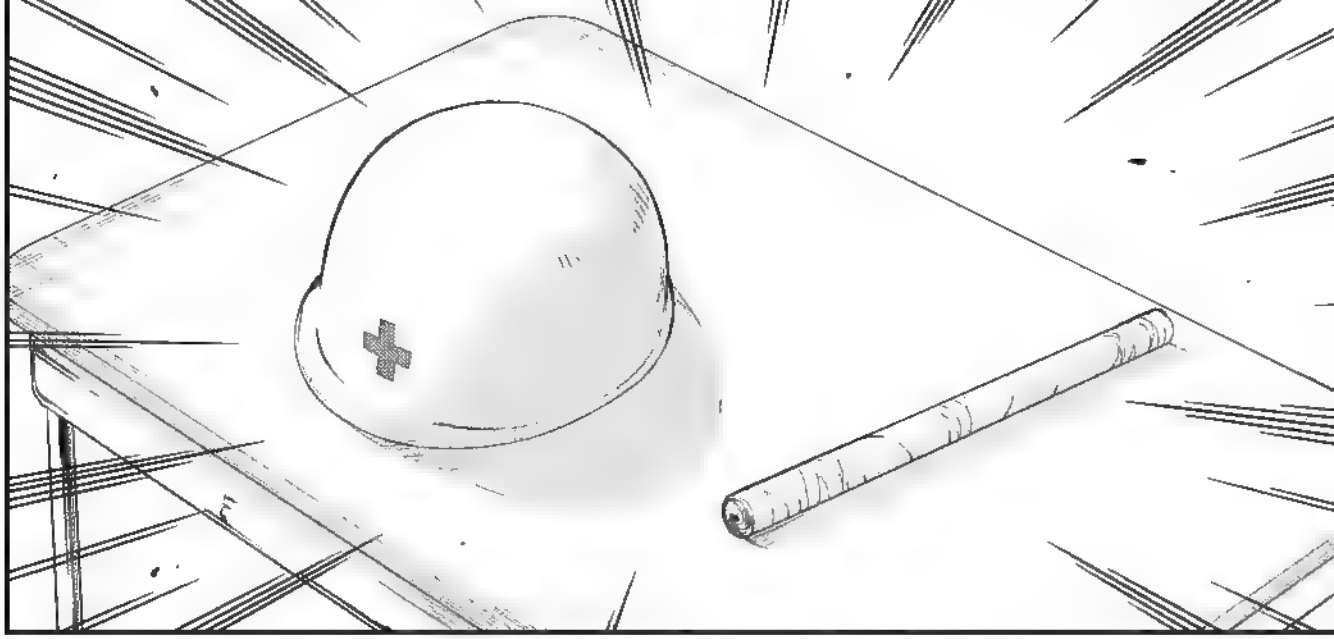
Chapter 64
Now You're Creeping Me Out!

I REALLY HOPE I CAN MAKE IT IN TIME FOR SECOND PERIOD...
YAMMER
YAMMER
YAMMER

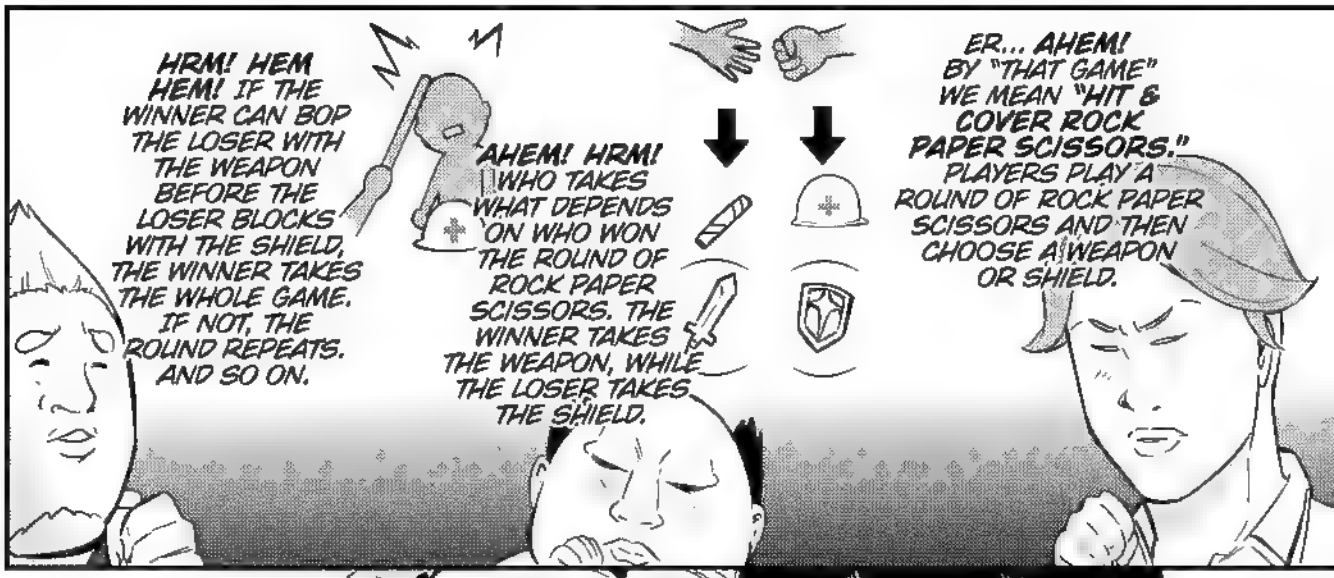
FLINCH
YAMMER
NOE-CHI!! OVER HERE! ♪
HEY THERE !!
SNEAK SNEAK
AW
COME ON OVER AND WATCH! KAZAMA-ONIICHAN IS ABOUT TO GO INTO BATTLE! ♪
LET'S CHEER ON OUR BIG BROTHER TOGETHER!! ♪
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "OUR" ?!
STUPID ONII-CHAN!!
SISTER
SISTER
KAZAMA'S SISTER?
WAIT LITTLE SISTER ?

I hate you, Oniichan! Stupid, stupid Oniichan!!
"Onii—chan"?!
"Onii—chan"?!
POOR NOE-CHAN, THIS MUST BE SO TOUGH ON HER.
I HAVE BEEN BATTLING ALL MORNING, YOU KNOW.
SO, STOP STALLING AND LET'S SETTLE THIS ALREADY.

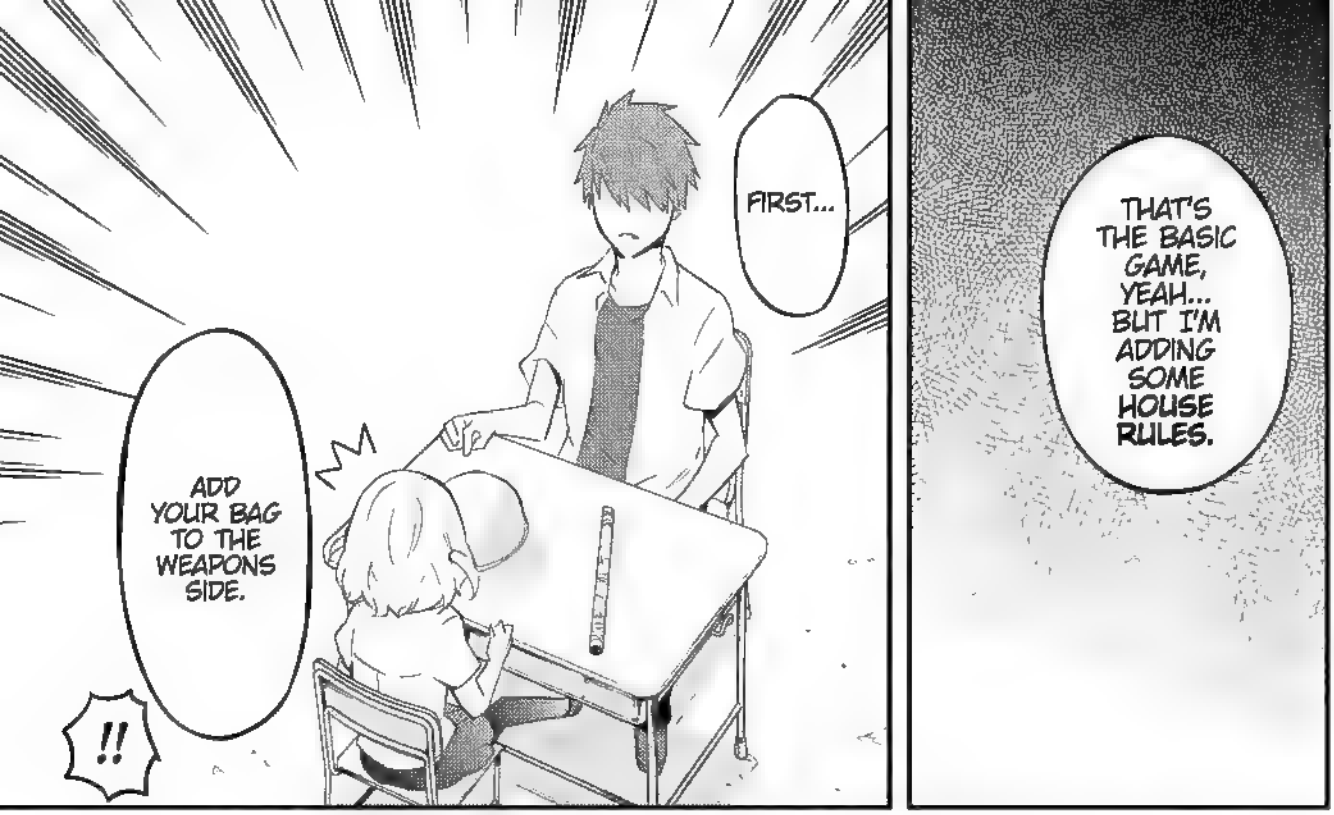
THOSE GAMES SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE PERFECT WARM-UP FOR YOU!
WHAT, MAKING EXCUSES FOR LOSING ALREADY?
AH WELL. IT WILL MAKE A GOOD HANDICAP FOR YOU.
WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE?
SO...
FWUP

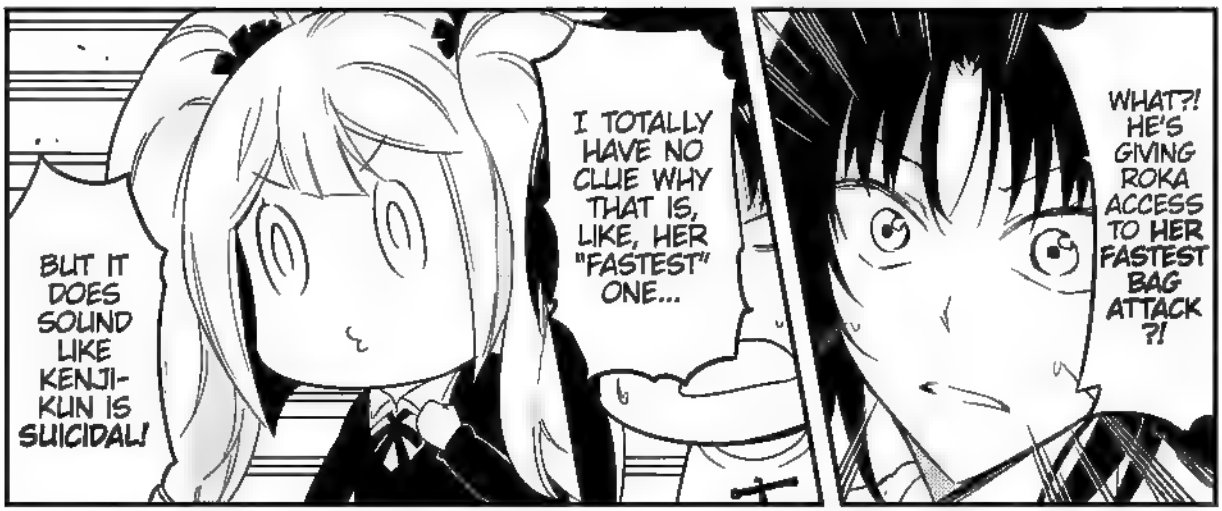


IT MUST BE THAT GAME!!
THOSE THINGS!!
WHAT?! NO WAY!!


HRM! HEM HEM! IF THE WINNER CAN BOP THE LOSER WITH THE WEAPON BEFORE THE LOSER BLOCKS WITH THE SHIELD, THE WINNER TAKES THE WHOLE GAME. IF NOT, THE ROUND REPEATS. AND SO ON.
AHEM! HRM! WHO TAKES WHAT DEPENDS ON WHO WON THE ROUND OF ROCK PAPER SCISSORS. THE WINNER TAKES THE WEAPON, WHILE THE LOSER TAKES THE SHIELD.
ER... AHEM! BY "THAT GAME" WE MEAN "HIT & COVER ROCK PAPER SCISSORS." PLAYERS PLAY A ROUND OF ROCK PAPER SCISSORS AND THEN CHOOSE A WEAPON OR SHIELD.

SO HE'S, LIKE, ACTUALLY CHALLENGING ROKA-CHAN TO A CONTEST OF SPEED? WHOA...
THE ROCK PAPER SCISSORS ROUND TAKES SOME LUCK, BUT AFTER THAT IT'S A SPEED CONTEST TO SEE WHO CAN GRAB WHAT FIRST.


FIRST...
ADD YOUR BAG TO THE WEAPONS SIDE.
!!
THAT'S THE BASIC GAME, YEAH... BUT I'M ADDING SOME HOUSE RULES.


BUT IT DOES SOUND LIKE KENJI-KUN IS SUICIDAL!
I TOTALLY HAVE NO CLUE WHY THAT IS, LIKE, HER "FASTEST" ONE...
WHAT?! HE'S GIVING ROKA ACCESS TO HER FASTEST BAG ATTACK ?!

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RSTL
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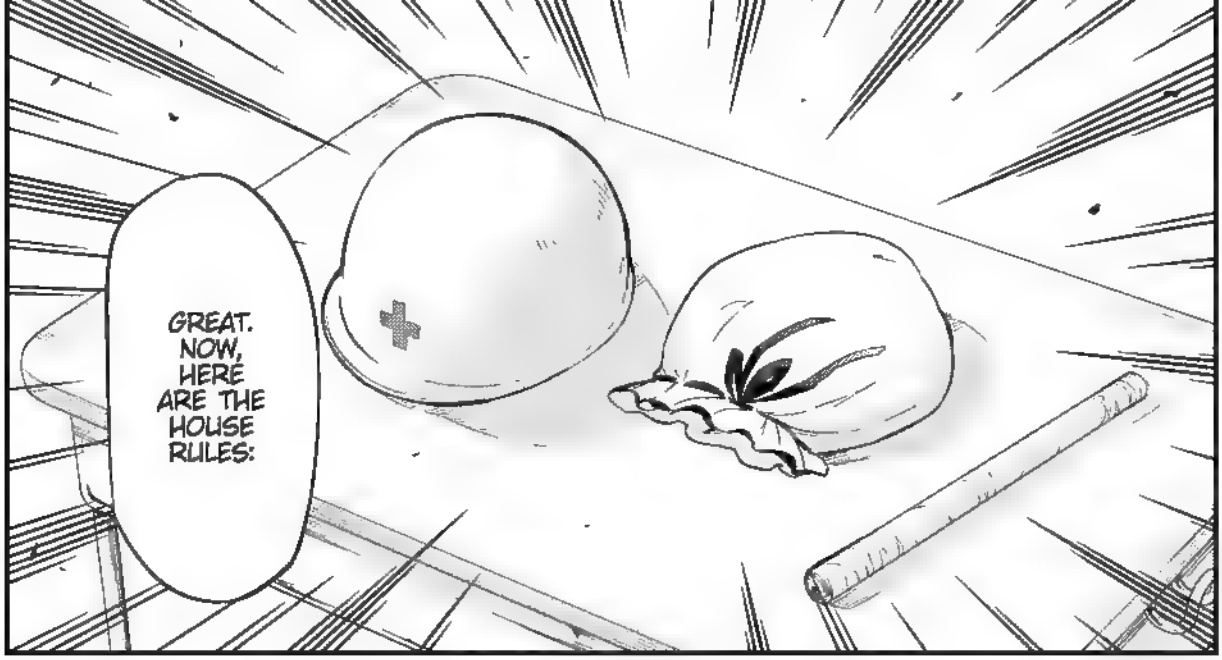
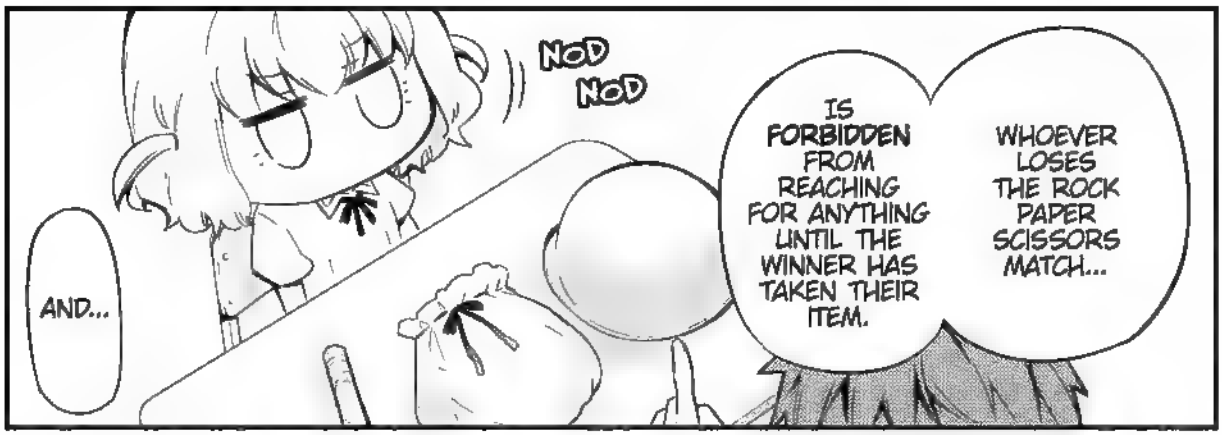
THIS WAY YOU CAN'T MAKE ANY EXCUSES WHEN YOU LOSE.
I CAN'T HAVE YOU HOLDING BACK ON ME, Y'KNOW?


GREAT. NOW, HERE ARE THE HOUSE RULES:


NOD
NOD
AND...
WHOEVER LOSES THE ROCK PAPER SCISSORS MATCH...
IS FORBIDDEN FROM REACHING FOR ANYTHING UNTIL THE WINNER HAS TAKEN THEIR ITEM.

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IN OTHER WORDS, THE LOSER ISN'T STUCK WITH THE SHIELD. EVEN GOING SECOND, THEY ARE STILL ALLOWED TO PICK UP A WEAPON AND ATTACK.
EITHER SIDE CAN CHOOSE WHICHEVER OF THESE THREE ITEMS THEY WANT!

THE WHOLE GAME IS PRETTY MUCH DECIDED BY THE ROCK PAPER SCISSORS MATCH!
THEN THIS MEANS...
PICKING UP THE WEAPON AFTER IS MEANINGLESS!!
NOT "SLOW" PER SE... BUT EVEN IF HE DID GET THE CHANCE TO ATTACK FIRST, ROKA-SAN WOULD STILL BEAT HIM TO THE PUNCH WITH HER BAG ATTACK.
THE PEANUT GALLERY CAN SHUT UP NOW!!
DON'T DO IT, KAZAMA!
IS KENJI-KUN REALLY THAT SLOW ON THE ATTACK?
WHAT A DISADVANTAGE!
HE'S INSANE!
IF KENJI LOSES THE ROCK PAPER SCISSORS MATCH, ROKA IS PRACTICALLY GUARANTEED TO NAIL HIM WITH A BAG ATTACK. SHE WOULDN'T PICK ANYTHING ELSE.
KAZAMA-SAN, LET ME GUESS...
.....
ROCK PAPER SCISSORS...
NOT LOOKIN' GOOD KAZAMA.
SAYS THE GUY WHOSE ASS I KICKED!

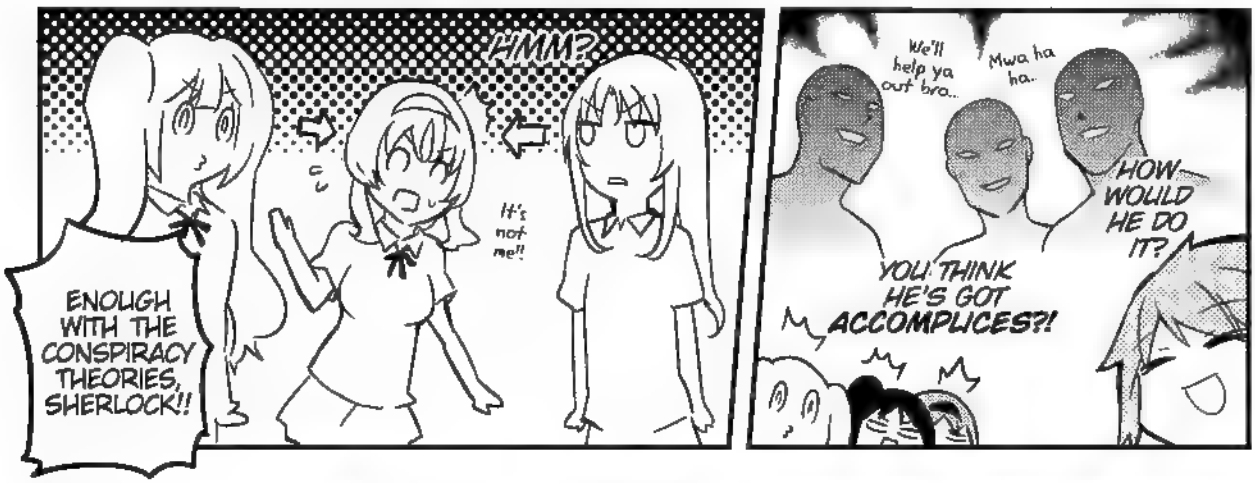
SHE'S FINALLY NOTICED ?!
She's been doing that for ten years!
YOU STILL ASSUME THAT I WILL ONLY THROW ROCK?
CLINCH-
?!
HUH?
YOU NOTICED THAT...?
YUP, HE'S TOAST!
FLINCH
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN NOW? IS HE GONNA BE OKAY?!
THAT WAS KAZAMA'S SOLE ADVANTAGE IN THIS MATCH!!
"SPECIAL TRAIN-ING" ?!
NO, HE WON'T. AFTER ALL, YESTERDAY HE CAME TO ME FOR SOME SPECIAL TRAINING.
HEH.
HE'S GONNA DIE OUT THERE!
OH YES, IT IS!
NO. THIS MATCH ISN'T DECIDED YET.

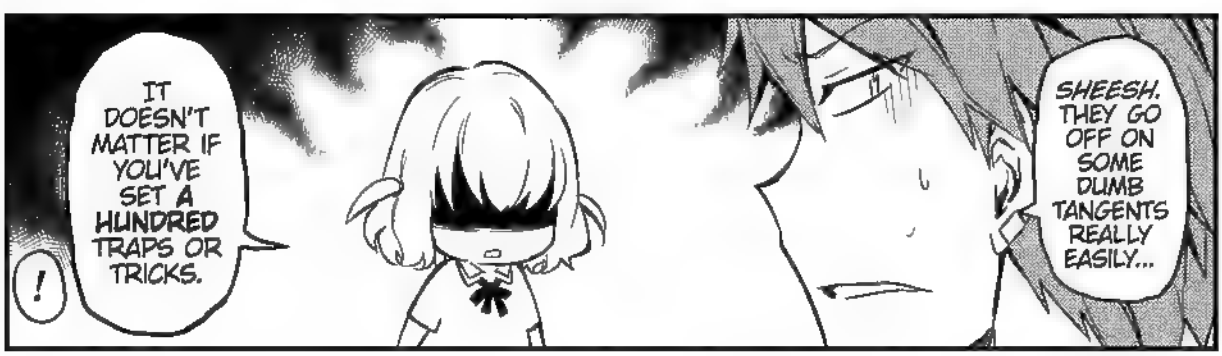
C'MON, SEMPAI! GET IT TOGETH-ER~!
PLOOMP
Gah!
SPLAAAAT
WAH-CHOO!!
PLOOMP
PLOOMP
IF YOU CAN'T DODGE THESE, DODGING ROKA-SEMPAI'S BAG ATTACK IS JUST A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM.
IF I CAN'T BEAT HER BAG ATTACK, THEN NONE OF THIS REALLY MEANS ANYTHING.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS, Y'KNOW. WHY NOT JUST CHALLENGE HER TO A GAME WHERE SHE CAN'T USE HER BAG?
.....

WELL OKAY THEN! BUT YOU DO KNOW THAT ONE AFTERNOON OF "TRAINING" ISN'T GOING TO DO SQUAT FOR YOU, RIGHT?
URK!
HA HA!
STILL ...
I HAVE HOPE FOR YOU.
YOU REALLY JUST DO WHAT-EVER, DON'T YOU?
WELP, I WAS THE ONE WHO PICKED THIS FIGHT...
SO I'VE GOTTA GIVE IT ALL I GOT.
SPLASH
SPLASH
TOSS TOSS TOSS
AAH, SEMPAI! YOU LOOK SO MUCH COOLER WHEN YOU'RE SOAKED!
JEEZ, YOU REALLY DO LIVE IN YOUR OWN LITTLE WORLD, DON'T YOU?!

SO, I'M ASSUMING HE HAS SOME SORT OF ACE IN THE HOLE.
YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
UGH! WHAT DOES HE THINK HE'S DOING?

HOW WOULD IT WORK?
WHEN WOULD IT GO OFF?
BUT WHERE WOULD HE SET IT?
DID HE SET A BOOBY-TRAP SOME-HOW?


HMM?
It's not me!!
ENOUGH WITH THE CONSPIRACY THEORIES, SHERLOCK!!
We'll help ya out bro..
Mwa ha ha..
HOW WOULD HE DO IT?
YOU THINK HE'S GOT ACCOMPLICES?!


IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'VE SET A HUNDRED TRAPS OR TRICKS.
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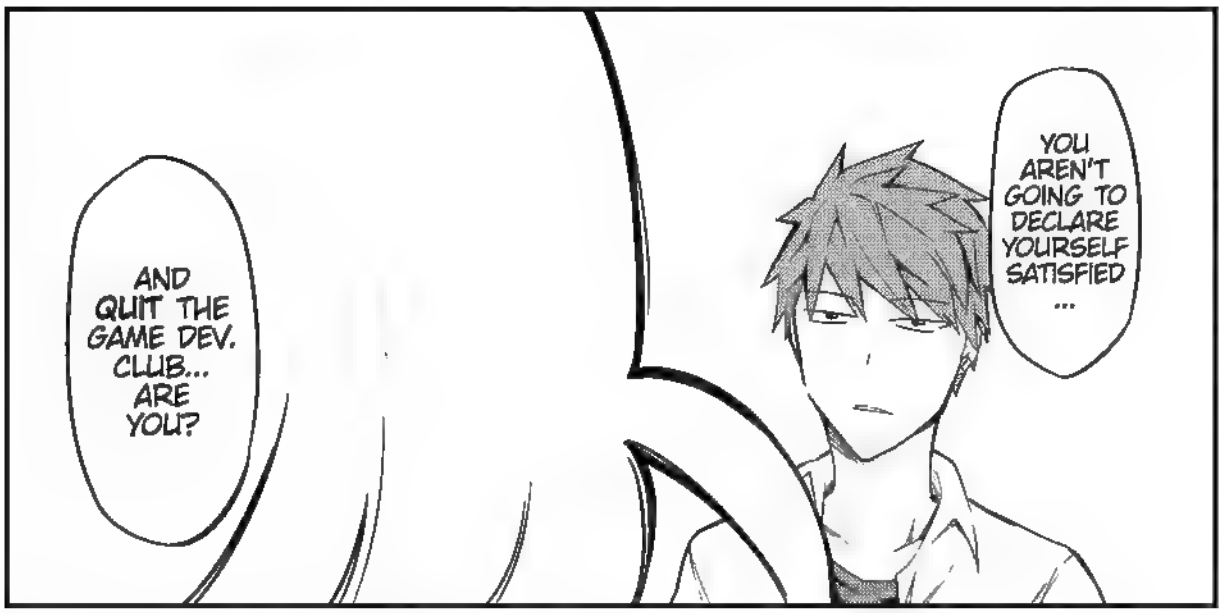
SHEESH. THEY GO OFF ON SOME DUMB TANGENTS REALLY EASILY...

OKAY, THEN. LET'S GET THIS STARTED.
.....
I WILL DESTROY THEM ALL.
WAAAAAAAAAH!
SO, YOU ACKNOW-LEDGE IT!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH QUITE A LOT THESE LAST FEW MONTHS, MOST OF IT THANKS TO ME.
SORRY FOR TAKING SO LONG TO CHALLENGE YOU. FORGIVE ME?
SAY, UH...

IF...
JUST IF, MIND YOU...
YOU DO HAPPEN TO WIN THIS GAME, KAZAMA-SAN...


YOU AREN'T GOING TO DECLARE YOURSELF SATISFIED ...
AND QUIT THE GAME DEV. CLUB... ARE YOU?

EVEN IF HE DID QUIT THE (TEMP) CLUB ...
HE WOULDN'T COME JOIN OURS, WOULD HE?
WE'RE WAITIN' FOR YA, BRO!
끄끄끄
土曜

I WON'T.
DON'T WORRY.
HEY !!
DO YOU MEAN IT?
.....
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY IT?!
YOU SWEAR ?
YOU REALLY WO--
QUIT IT!
YOU WON'T? AT ALL?
NO! I WON'T! JEEZ!
I SAID I WON'T, SO I WON'T !!
REALLY ?
REAL-LY!

ONNNE... TWOOOO ...!
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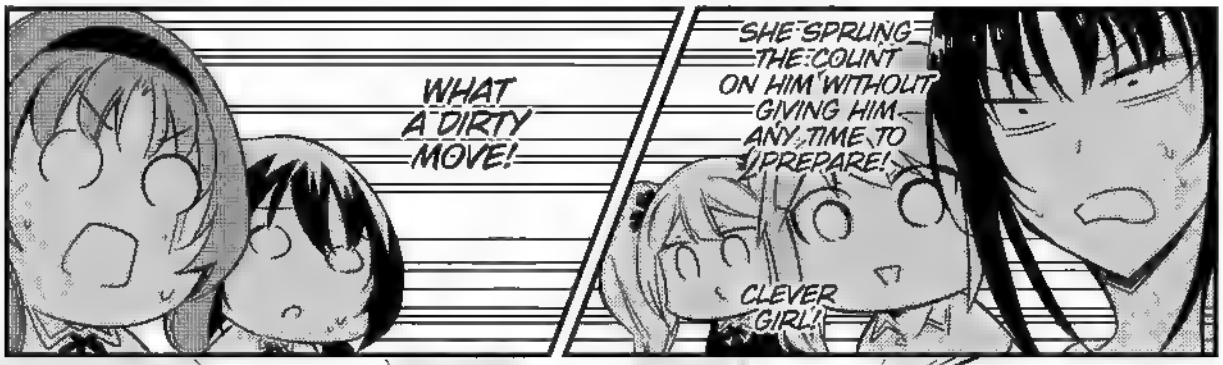
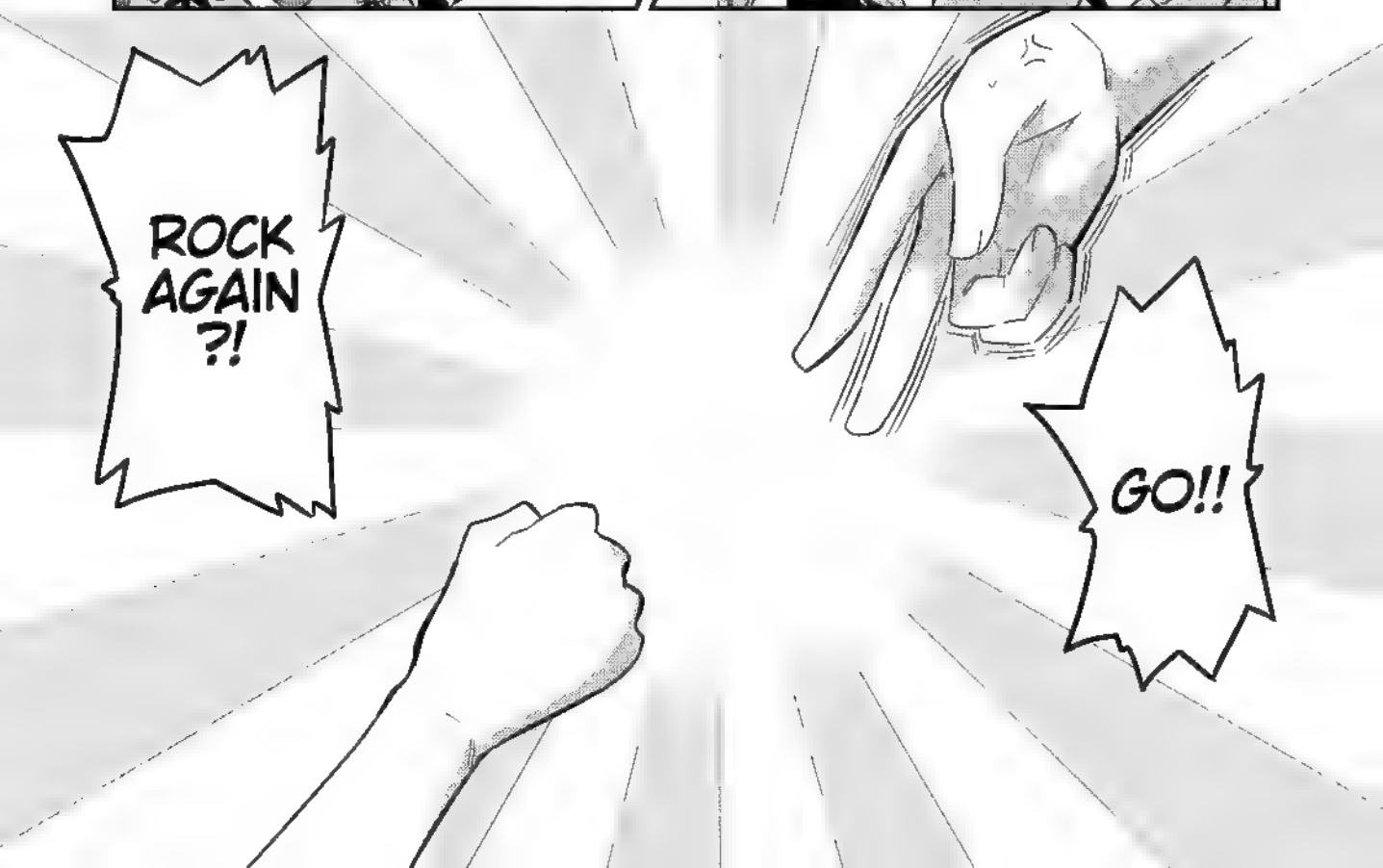

WHAT A DIRTY MOVE!
SHE SPRUNG THE COUNT ON HIM WITHOUT GIVING HIM ANY TIME TO PREPARE!
CLEVER GIRL!


ROCK AGAIN ?!
GO!!

SHE'S FAST!!
SWASH
SWOOOOOOOO
HE'S DONE FOR!
OOOOOOOW
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN DODGE IN TIME!!

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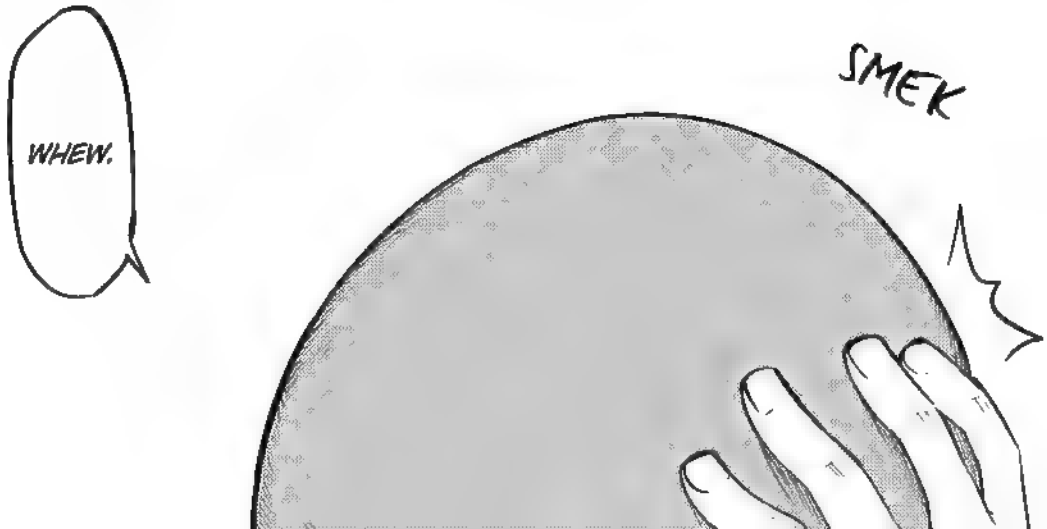
SPLAT
WHOMP

PJHUUUUUU


WHEW.
SMEK

SKRITCH
THAT TOOK THE HIT FOR ME, JUST LIKE I'D PLANNED.

The longer this drags out, the greater the chance I'll lose.

So, that's why!

WHAAAAAAAAAT?!!

I'm going to be late!!

The longer this drags out, the greater the chance I'll lose
So, that's why
WHAAAAAAAAAAT?!!

BOP
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THERE.
I WIN.
WHAT?!
OH, NOTHING. JUST THINKING THAT YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT.
SHUT UP!
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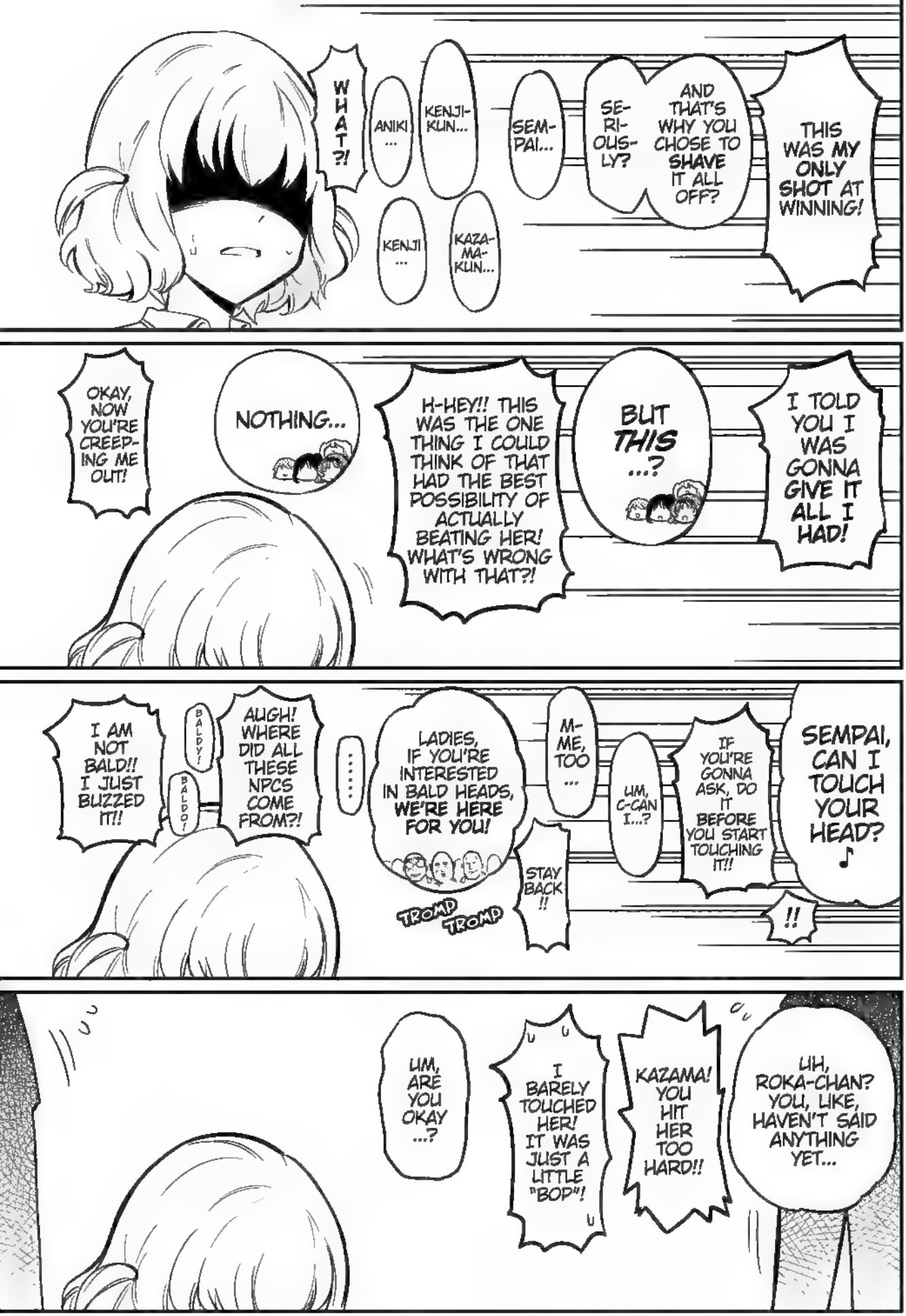
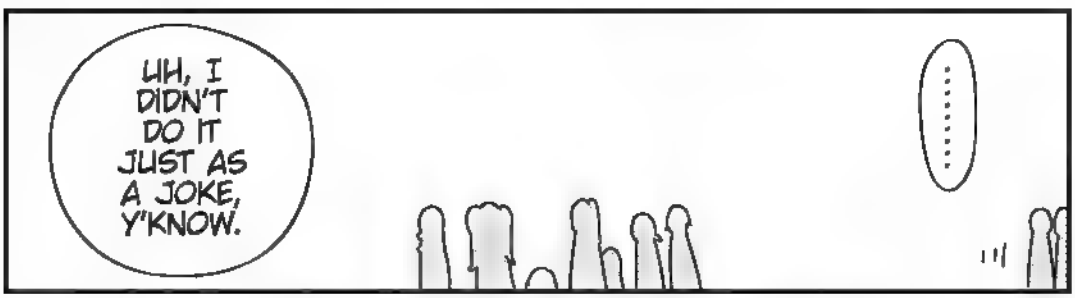

WHAT?!
ANIKI...
KENJI-KUN...
SEMPAI...
SERIOUSLY?
AND THAT'S WHY YOU CHOSE TO SHAVE IT ALL OFF?
THIS WAS MY ONLY SHOT AT WINNING!
KENJI...
KAZAMA-KUN...
OKAY, NOW YOU'RE CREEPING ME OUT!
NOTHING...
H-HEY!! THIS WAS THE ONE THING I COULD THINK OF THAT HAD THE BEST POSSIBILITY OF ACTUALLY BEATING HER! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!
BUT THIS ...?
I TOLD YOU I WAS GONNA GIVE IT ALL I HAD!
I AM NOT BALD!! I JUST BUZZED IT!!
BALDY!
BALDO!
AUGH! WHERE DID ALL THESE NPCS COME FROM?!
.....
LADIES, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN BALD HEADS, WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!
TROMP TROMP
M-ME, TOO ...
STAY BACK !!
UM, C-CAN I...?
IF YOU'RE GONNA ASK, DO IT BEFORE YOU START TOUCHING IT!!
SEMPAI, CAN I TOUCH YOUR HEAD? ♪
!!
UM, ARE YOU OKAY ...?
I BARELY TOUCHED HER! IT WAS JUST A LITTLE "BOP"!
KAZAMA! YOU HIT HER TOO HARD!!
UH, ROKA-CHAN? YOU, LIKE, HAVEN'T SAID ANYTHING YET...

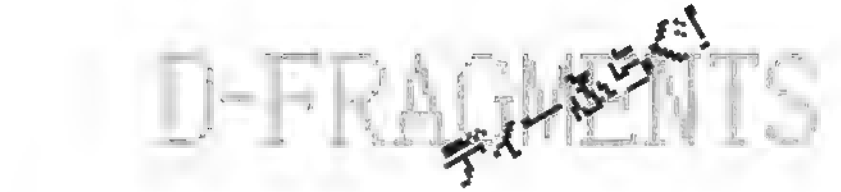
shake
TIL
shake
TIL
shake
TIL


UH, I DIDN'T DO IT JUST AS A JOKE, Y'KNOW.
.....

BUT IT FEELS LIKE WHAT-EVER IT WAS WE MISSED IT!!
PUFF
HUFF
WHEEZE
PUFF
WHEEZE
HUFF
HUFF
WH-WHAT?! NO! I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HAPPENED HERE...!

HEH
HEH
Man, what a great show to start the day!

Shake..


D-FRAGMENTS
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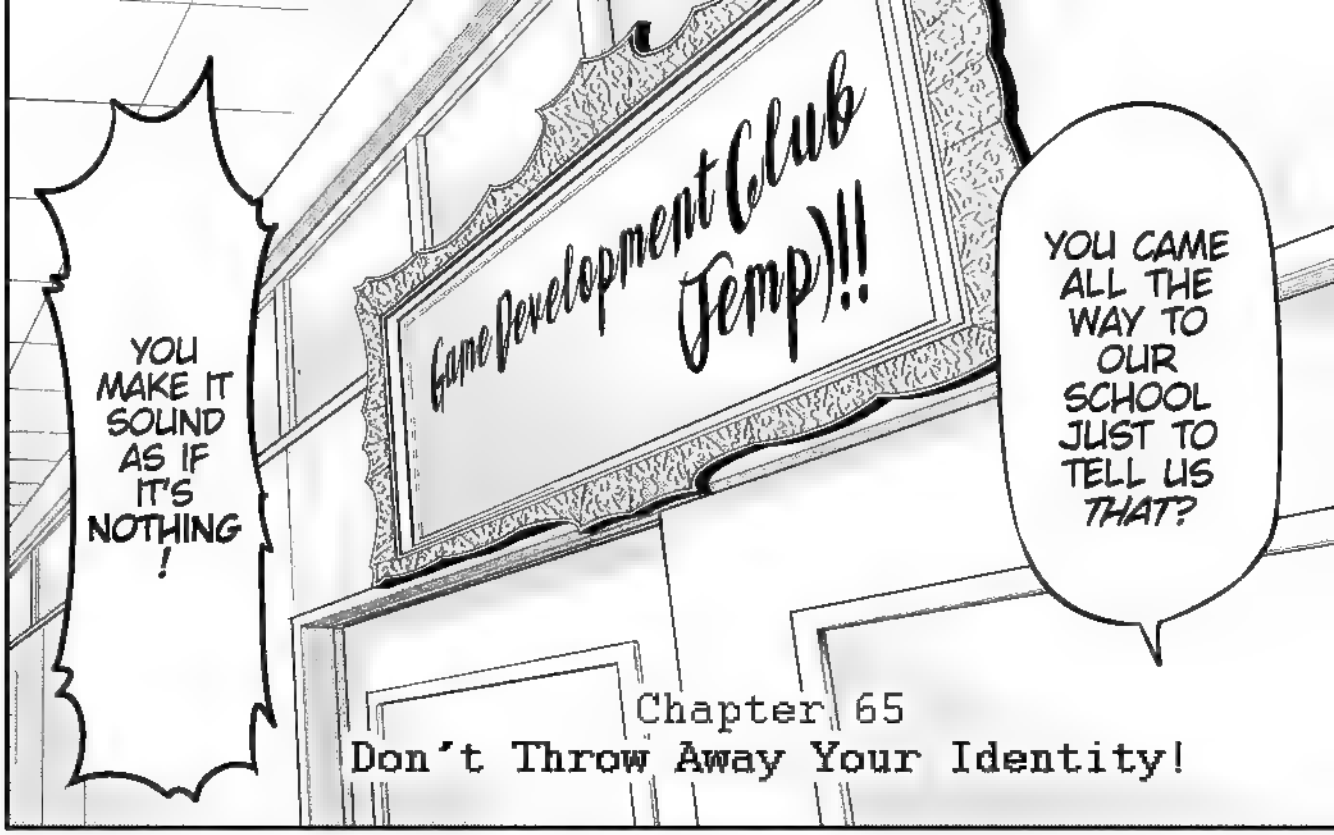
I SEE...
SO NEW CHALLENGERS HAVE ALREADY STARTED TRYING TO GET THE HASHIMOTO MEDALLION.

THIS IS ALL MY FAULT! I MEANT TO WARN YOU, BUT IT SEEMS I HAVE ARRIVED TOO LATE!!

YEP.
PRETTY MUCH.

HOLD ON. DON'T TELL ME...
YUP! WAY LATE!
I LOVE
Nyan!



Chapter 65
Don't Throw Away Your Identity!

UH, TO BE BRUTALLY HONEST I DON'T GIVE A DAMN ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THAT MEDALLION ANYWAY.
Besides, she's still a guest here in our club.
C'MON, KAZAMA. SURE, THE WARNING WAS LATE, BUT SHE DID MAKE THE EFFORT. SHOW SOME RESPECT.

I DON'T REALLY CARE IF SOME WEIRDOS COME TO ME LOOKING TO PLAY STUPID GAMES, EITHER...
NOT THAT ANY HAVE EVEN COME AFTER ME YET!!
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE IT, YOU WON'T WANT FOR ENEMIES, SEMPAI!

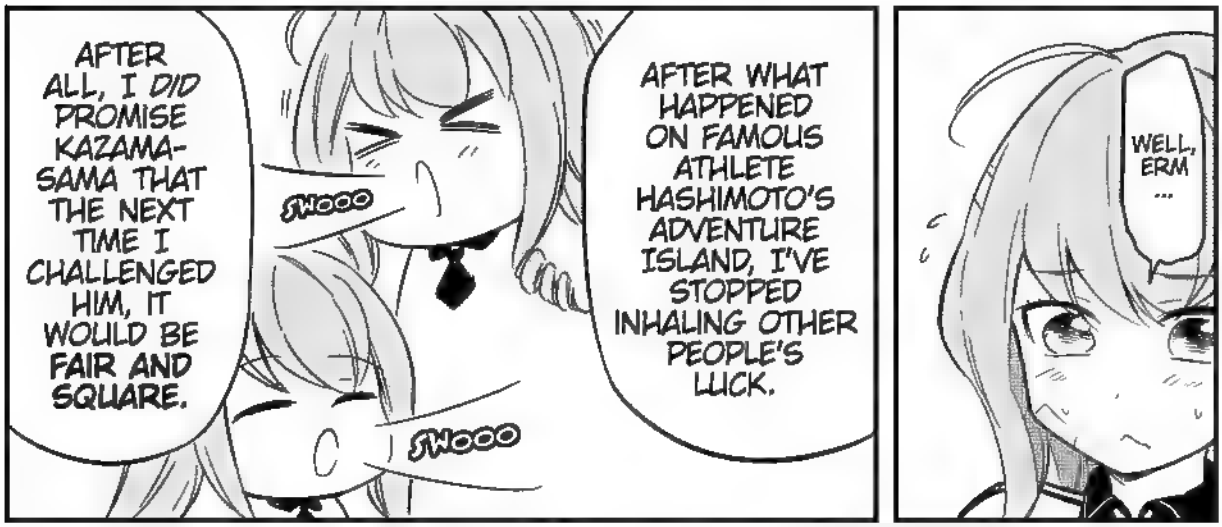
HE DIDN'T "AWARD" IT TO ME, HE JUST SNUCK IT INTO MY BAG!
JEEZ, KAZAMA! YOU'RE THE ONE HASHIMOTO AWARDED IT TO, SO WOULD IT KILL YOU TO TAKE CARE OF IT?

AFTER ALL, WE ALL SO WORKED HARD TOGETHER TO EARN THE HASHIMOTO MEDALLION!
YES, THAT'S THE SPIRIT! WE CANNOT LET THEM TAKE IT FROM US SO EASILY!

DID YOU REALLY?
!!
BA-DMD
DON'T TELL US YOU GOT HURT WHILE TAKING OUT AN ENEMY THAT WAS COMING TO FIGHT US?
!!
WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOUR FACE?

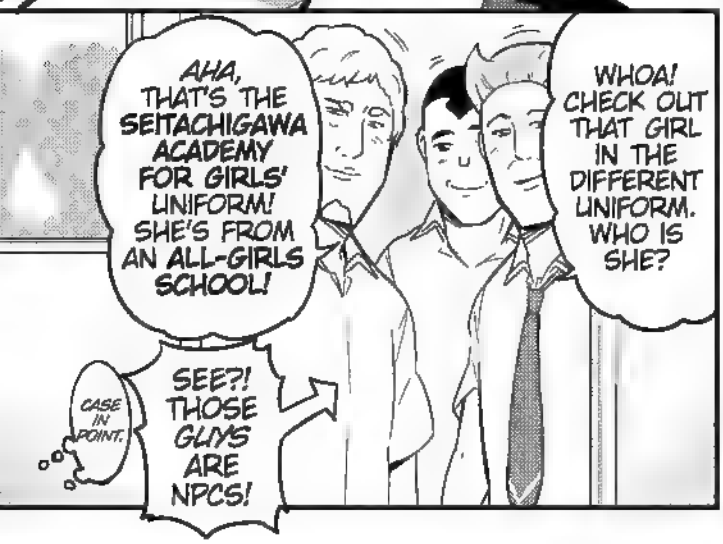
EEEEK!!
THIS ISN'T THE "MAIM AND KILLING CLUB"!
NO, THIS HAPPENED WHEN I TRIPPED AND FELL DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS AFTER OUR CLUB ADVISER FOUND OUT I HAD SPENT THE WHOLE CLUB BUDGET ON WEAPONS.
OH, THIS?
SLIP
AH, SO IT'S TOTALLY UNRELATED THEN.
TUMBLE
TUMBLE
TUMBLE

WHA ?!
HUNH. I GUESS THOSE KINDS OF FREAK ACCIDENTS CAN EVEN HAPPEN TO SOMEBODY WITH FANTASTIC LUCK.


AFTER ALL, I DID PROMISE KAZAMA-SAMA THAT THE NEXT TIME I CHALLENGED HIM, IT WOULD BE FAIR AND SQUARE.
SWOOO
SWOOO
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED ON FAMOUS ATHLETE HASHIMOTO'S ADVENTURE ISLAND, I'VE STOPPED INHALING OTHER PEOPLE'S LUCK.
WELL, ERM ...

UH...
I'M RIGHT HERE.
DON'T TELL ME HE'S PLAYING HOOKY?! THAT GUY!
GLANCE
GLANCE
BY THE WAY, WHERE IS KAZAMA-SAMA TODAY?
HATA, YOU...

WHAAAAAA?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST AN NPC!!
HUH --?!
YOU THOUGHT I WAS A WHAT?!


AHA, THAT'S THE SEITACHIGAWA ACADEMY FOR GIRLS' UNIFORM! SHE'S FROM AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL!
WHOA! CHECK OUT THAT GIRL IN THE DIFFERENT UNIFORM. WHO IS SHE?
CASE IN POINT.
SEE?! THOSE GUYS ARE NPCS!

SINCE WHEN DO RANDOM NPCS TALK THIS MUCH AND GET INVOLVED IN CRUCIAL CONVER-SATIONS?!
AROUND HERE? PRETTY OFTEN...

SEE, UH...
STUFF HAP-PENED.

WH-WHAT HAPPENED?! WH-WHY IS ALL YOUR HAIR GONE?!
HEY! IT'S NOT THAT WEIRD FOR A GUY TO GET A BUZZ CUT, OKAY?!

HE GAVE HIMSELF A BUZZ CUT...
ALL SO HE COULD BEAT ROKA IN A GAME.
HARUMI?!
HEY, IS IT ME OR IS TAKAO ACTING REALLY TICKED OFF TODAY?
WELL, YEAH. I MEAN, IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT A GUY CHOPS OFF ALL HIS HAIR FOR A GIRL. THAT'S PRETTY SPECIAL!
I'M ACTUALLY KINDA JEALOUS!
!
?

UM, KAZAMA? IF WE EVER FACED OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER, YOU WOULDN'T CUT OFF ALL YOUR HAIR FOR ME... WOULD YOU?
HUH? NO. WHY WOULD I NEED TO DO THAT AGAINST YOU?

NOW I HAVE TO DEAL WITH ALL THE BALD GUYS IN SCHOOL WAVING AND SMILING AT ME LIKE I'M ONE OF *THEM!* I'M NOT! I JUST HAVE A **BUZZ CUT!**
IT'S NOT LIKE I ***WANTED*** TO SHAVE ALL MY HAIR OFF, OKAY?!

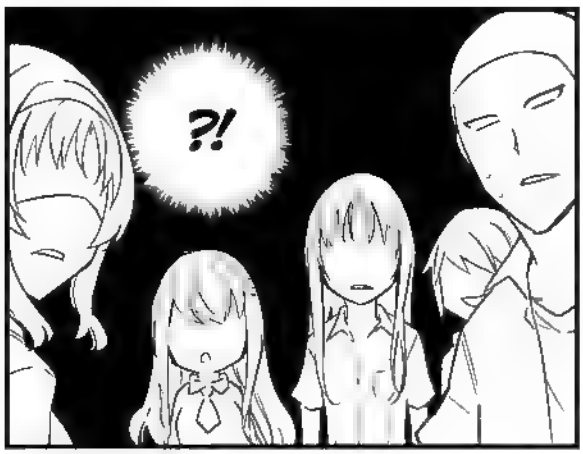
QUIVER QUIVER
YOU WOULD ... NOT ...?
UH, NO! I CAN'T SEE WHY I WOULD!

EXCUSE ME, COMING THROUGH.
MAKE WAY, PLEASE.

Excuse me, please!
Pardon me!
WHERE'S THE GUY WHO STARTED THAT STUPID BALD GANG, ANYWAY?!
CAN'T TELL. THE DOORWAY IS BLOCKED BY A MOB OF NPCS.
WHAT? HE'S *HERE?!*

TOTTER...
OH, GOOD-NESS! WHY ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE HERE?
EEP...!

Oh...!!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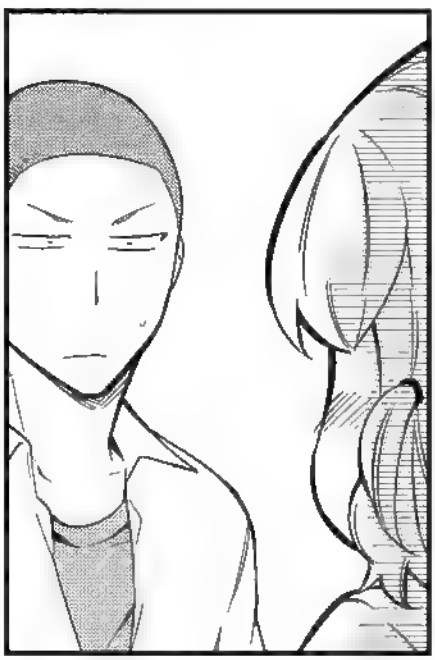


POFF
A-TEN
GLANCE
GLANCE
A-TEN
SWEE

WHAT THE HECK WAS THAT FOR?!
You still have this stupid hat from that stupid shrine?!
YANK
A-TEN

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE FEELING... CHILLY, BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DID FOR ME.
I'M NOT!! HELL, IT'S MID-SUMMER! I'M ACTUALLY GLAD 'CAUSE I FEEL COOLER NOW!
A-TEN

I DID THIS TO MYSELF SO I COULD WIN!
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA HERE.

BUT... BUT...!
NO BUTS !!
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL

I MEAN, IN THE END, IT WAS TO DEFEAT ME THAT YOU SACRIFICED SO MUCH...
WELL, TECHNI-CALLY. YEAH.
What?!
NOTHING TO--?! IT DOES SO HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME!
YOU HAD NO-THING TO DO WITH IT!
MY BAG ?!
GOD, THAT STUPID BAG...
SO, THAT MEANS I DID IT... BECAUSE OF THE BAG.
I DID IT AS A WAY OF GETTING AROUND YOUR BAG ATTACK.
I SEE YOU, TOO, HAVE FINALLY COME TO APPRECI-ATE THE ALLURE OF THE BAG, KAZAMA-KUN.
NOPE!
I mean... it's a bag...
quiver
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEEL JEALOUS OF! IT'S JUST BAG!
THE BAG, HUH? WOW, UH, I'M NOT SURE IF I SHOULD FEEL JEALOUS OR NOT...
UM, THOUGH YOU WERE THE ONE WIELDING IT...
BUT... BUT STILL! YOU WERE MORE CON-CERNED ABOUT THE BAG THAN ME!
I...I LOST TO MY OWN BAG? NO...!

WELCOME TO THE CHAOS!
YOU LOT ARE JUST MAKING IT WORSE!
WHOA, WHOA! THIS ISN'T NORMAL! DON'T GO THINKING ALL CO-ED SCHOOLS ARE LIKE THIS!!
OH MY GOSH, IS THIS WHAT IT MEANS TO ATTEND A CO-ED SCHOOL?! WHAT CONFUSION! WHAT CHAOS!!

What? Me, too?!
AND IT'S NOT LIKE YOUR ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL SEEMED ANY LESS CRAZY AND CHAOTIC, EITHER!
THE ONLY PART OF ME THAT'S GOTTEN "STRONGER" HERE ARE MY LUNGS! AND ONLY BECAUSE I'VE GOTTA YELL OUT COMEBACKS ALL THE TIME!
SAVAGE ENVIRON-MENTS CREATE STRONGER PEOPLE.
IT WAS TO THIS...THIS SHAMBLES THAT OUR SCHOOL LOST. IT MUST BE TRUE WHAT PEOPLE SAY...

I THOUGHT IT JUST SHOWED UP IN YOUR BAG?
SHUT UP!!
I KNOW I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT I'M THE ONE WHO GOT THE HASHI-MOTO MEDAL-LION!

They really did just show up out of the blue.
ALIGH!! THESE GUYS EVEN GO AFTER RANDOM NPCS NOW! WHY HAVEN'T ANY OF THEM COME TO ME?! AND ARE OUR NPCS REALLY THAT GOOD?!
YEAH, I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT DOES MAKE FOR A STRONGER SPIRIT! JUST THIS MORNING WE BEAT SOME GUYS FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL THAT CHALLENGED US TO SOME GAMES.

A-TEN
I GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL NOW THAT I'VE GOT MY GRUDGE MATCH WITH A CERTAIN SOMEONE OUT OF THE WAY.
HUH?
DOOOM...
HEH. SO IT SEEMS YOU HAVE FINALLY DECIDED THAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT THE HASHIMOTO MEDALLION.

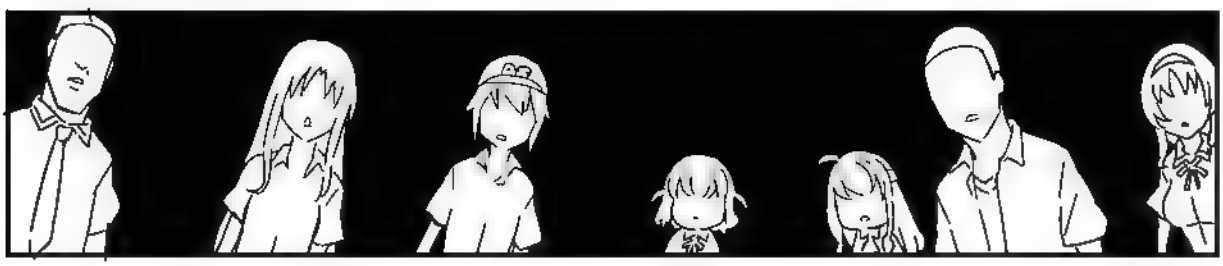
JUST KEEP THIS DAMN THING!
THERE! NOW THAT WE ARE ALL COMPLETELY READY...

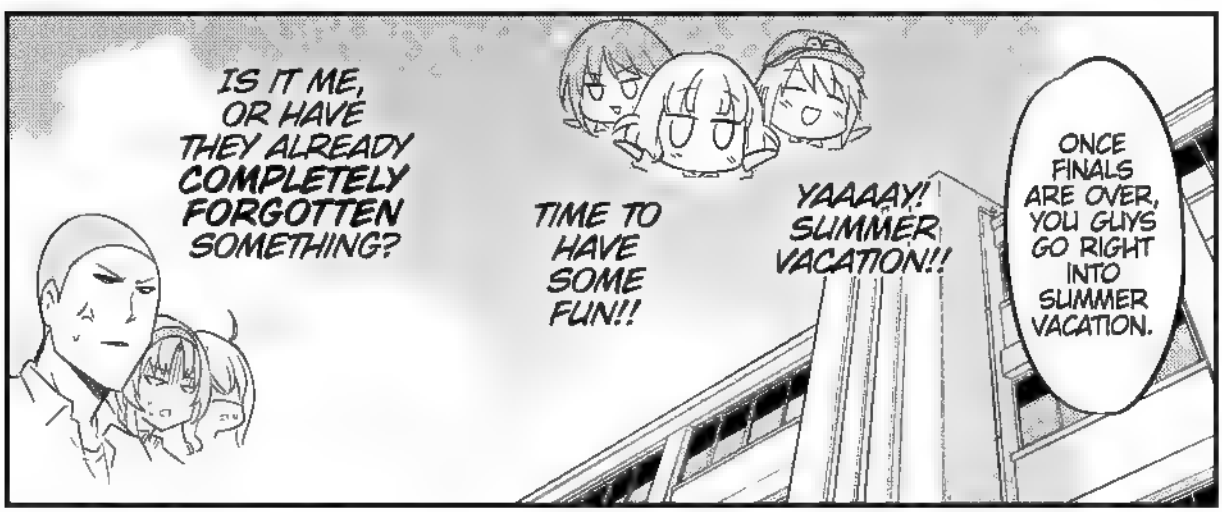
TOSS
TA-DA!! VIVA THE NEW, BAGLESS ME!!
Hah!
DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR IDENTITY!!

THEN ALL OF US CAN FIGHT WITHOUT BEING BOGGED DOWN BY REGRETS.
I DON'T WANNA HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE WHO'S STILL UPSET ABOUT LOSING TO A BAG!
SHYR.
SHYR.

IT IS TIME WE GO AND SHOW THOSE OTHER GAME DEVELOPMENT CLUBS WHO THEY ARE MESSING WITH!!
BAGS...
BAGS...
IT SEEMS MY TIME HAS FINALLY COME.
A-TEN

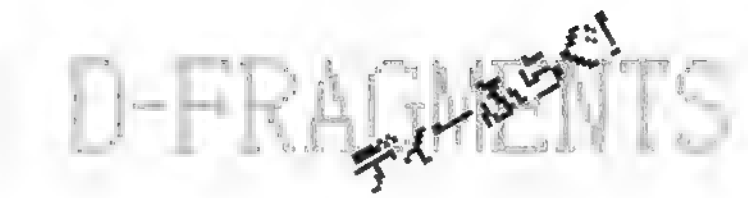
SO!
FIRST, LET US CREATE A NEW GAME WE CAN USE TO CHALLENGE THEM.
We are a Game Dev. Club, after all.
SO, WE AREN'T READY AT ALL!!
Can't we just stick with that porno mag board game thing..?
UH, ABOUT THAT...
!!
SEMESTER FINALS ARE ALMOST HERE.
THAT MEANS CLUB ACTIVITIES ARE GOING TO BE CLOSED FOR THE DURATION.
You won't be allowed to use the club rooms either. Got it?




ONCE FINALS ARE OVER, YOU GUYS GO RIGHT INTO SUMMER VACATION.
YAAAAY! SUMMER VACATION!!
TIME TO HAVE SOME FUN!!
IS IT ME, OR HAVE THEY ALREADY COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN SOMETHING?

NEXT: Vol.10...

I'm going home...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FINISH!

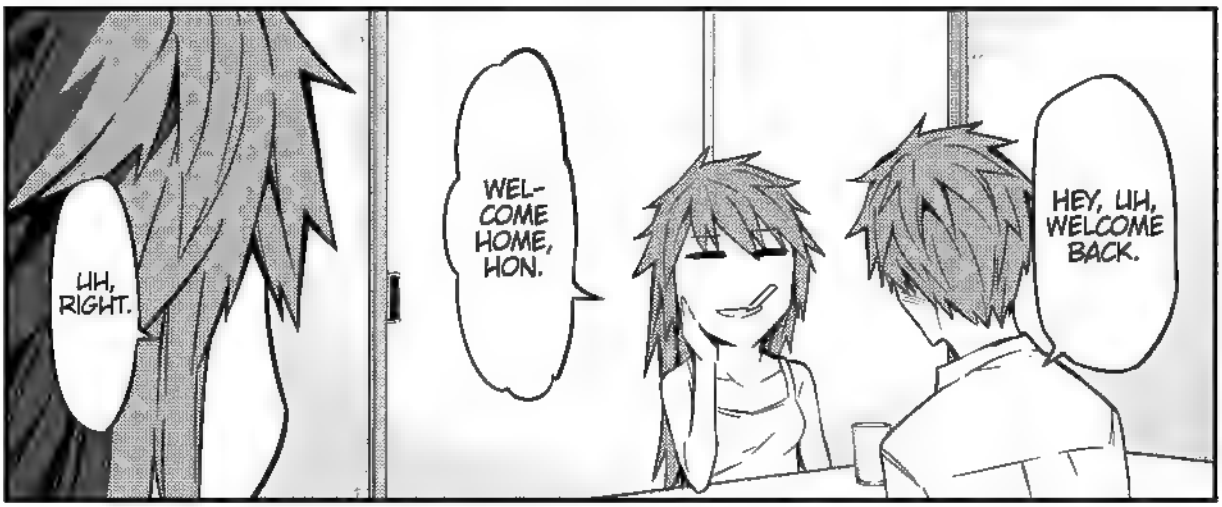
I'M HOME.
Bonus Manga 1
I don't see Noe's shoes She not home yet?
Hm?
HEY, UH, MOM?
YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO HAVE A WIG I COULD BORROW, WOULD YOU?
A WIG?!
WHY IS MY SON SUDDENLY BALD?!

I REALLY DON'T GET IT. AT ALL.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO!
WHAT-EVER! I'M GONNA GO OUT AND BUY A WIG...
AHA, OKAY. SO YOU SHAVED OFF ALL YOUR HAIR IN ORDER TO BEAT ROKA-CHAN IN A GAME.

NO, DON'T BOTHER. WE ALREADY HAVE ONE.
Hup.
I'LL GO GET IT.
HUH?! I KNOW I ASKED FOR IT, BUT WE REALLY DO HAVE ONE?!

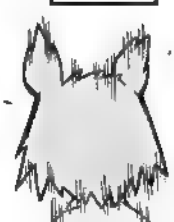
HERE.
PLOOF
AND IT'S PERFECT, TOO!!

IT'S YOUR FATHER'S.
WOW. HE DOES NOT LOOK HAPPY ABOUT THAT.
THERE WAS A TIME BACK IN THE DAY WHEN YOUR FATHER DREAMED OF HAVING SOFT, SILKY HAIR, TOO.
I DON'T "DREAM" ABOUT HAVING ANY KIND OF HAIR!
OH WELL. I'VE COME THIS FAR ALREADY ...
Is it okay if I mess with it a little?
Sure. Go ahead.
I'm home!
AH, THERE'S NOE.
CRAP!
Whoa, this is soft...
WHY BOTHER TRYING TO HIDE IT?
Heh heh heh!
SHADDAP! THE FEWER PEOPLE THAT KNOW THE BETTER!
NOE'LL BE PISSED, YOU KNOW.



AFTER KENJI'S GAME WITH ROKA.

Holy crap, Kazama is bald! He shaved all his hair off!

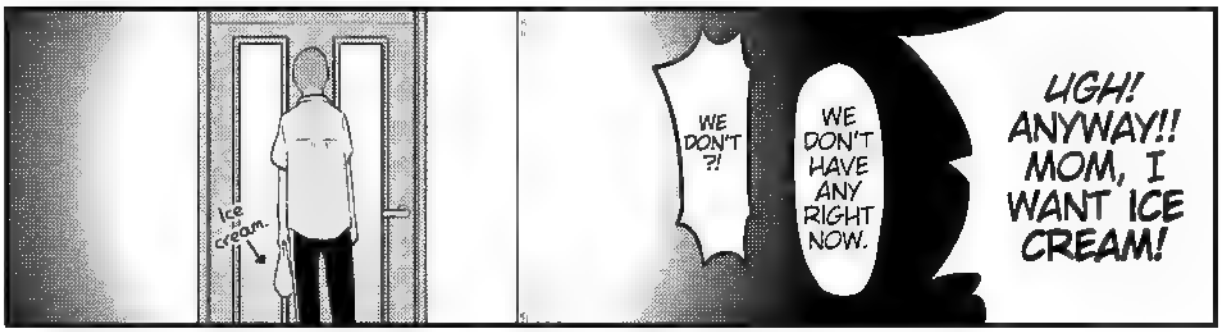


HARUMPH...

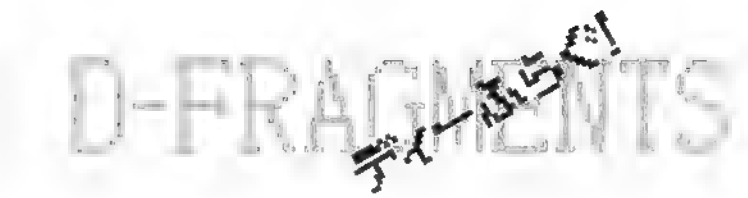
HE DIDN'T TELL ME.
SEE? I TOLD HIM TO FESS UP.

WHAT ARE YOU SO MAD ABOUT?
NO-THING!

AND ANIKI LOOKS DUMB WITH ALL HIS HAIR SHAVED OFF, TOO!!
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE BUZZ CUT LOOK?
IT JUST LOOKS DUMB ON HIM!!


UGH! ANYWAY!! MOM, I WANT ICE CREAM!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY RIGHT NOW.
WE DON'T ?!
Ice cream.

END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FINISH!

Bonus Manga 2

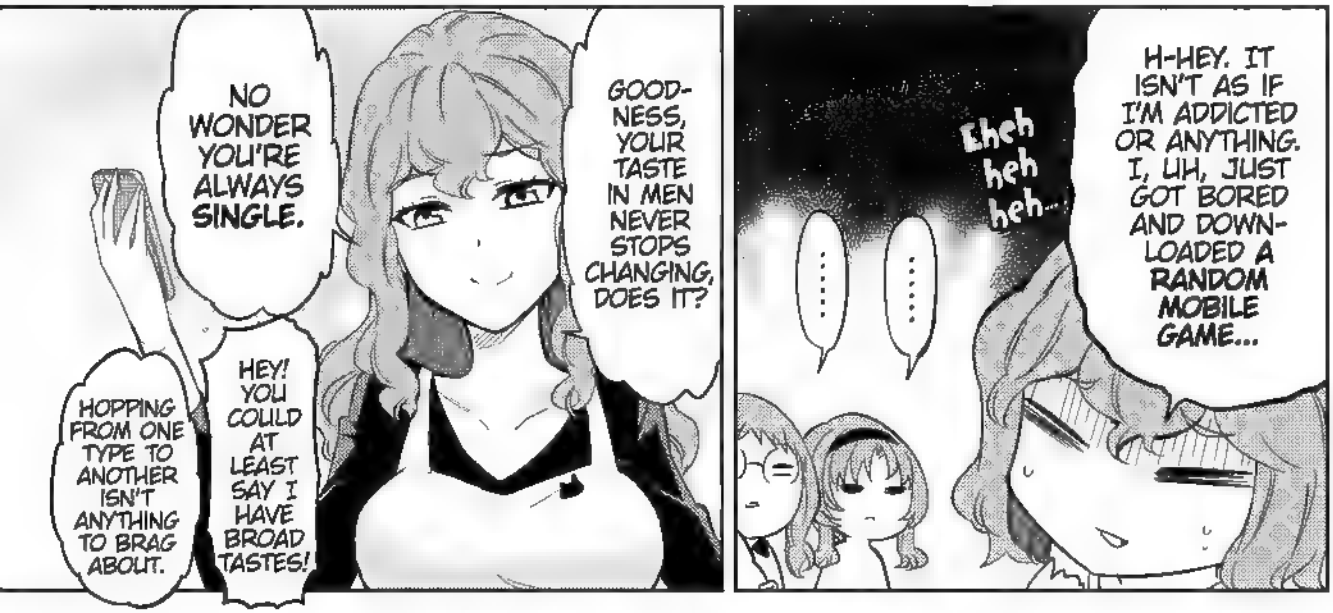
WE'VE GOT IT CHEAPEST
NOT THAT WE'VE CHECKED OTHER STORES TO COMPARE...
MASON'S LABYRINTH
LIMITED DELUXE EDITION
STILL ...
THIS ONE !!
DON
RIP RIP RIP
SHRIP
AAH! MY FLIER !!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH TIME YOU JUST WASTED ON HAT!!
I'LL BUY THE LIMITED EDITION FROM HERE!
YEAH, IT'S BEST TO GIVE MY MONEY TO THE COMPANY THAT CREATED IT! GOTTA SUPPORT THE INDUSTRY, Y'KNOW!

GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE! BOY, MY BIGFOOT'S ARM PILLOW IS SO COMFORTABLE! I SLEPT LIKE A BABY!
OH MY GOD, THERE MUST BE SOMETHING IN THE WATER AROUND HERE!
WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?!
SHADDAP!! HOW THE HECK DID YOU WIND UP SUCH A WEIRDO?! SOMETIMES I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE FROM THE SAME GENE POOL!

GIRLS!
YES, IT IS!!
BIG FOOT ISN'T A FANTASY!
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH ENJOYING THE THINGS WE LIKE?
UGH! BOTH OF YOU ARE WAY TOO CAUGHT UP IN YOUR JUVENILE FANTASY WORLDS. GROW UP! YOU'RE WASTING THE BEST YEARS OF YOUR LIFE!

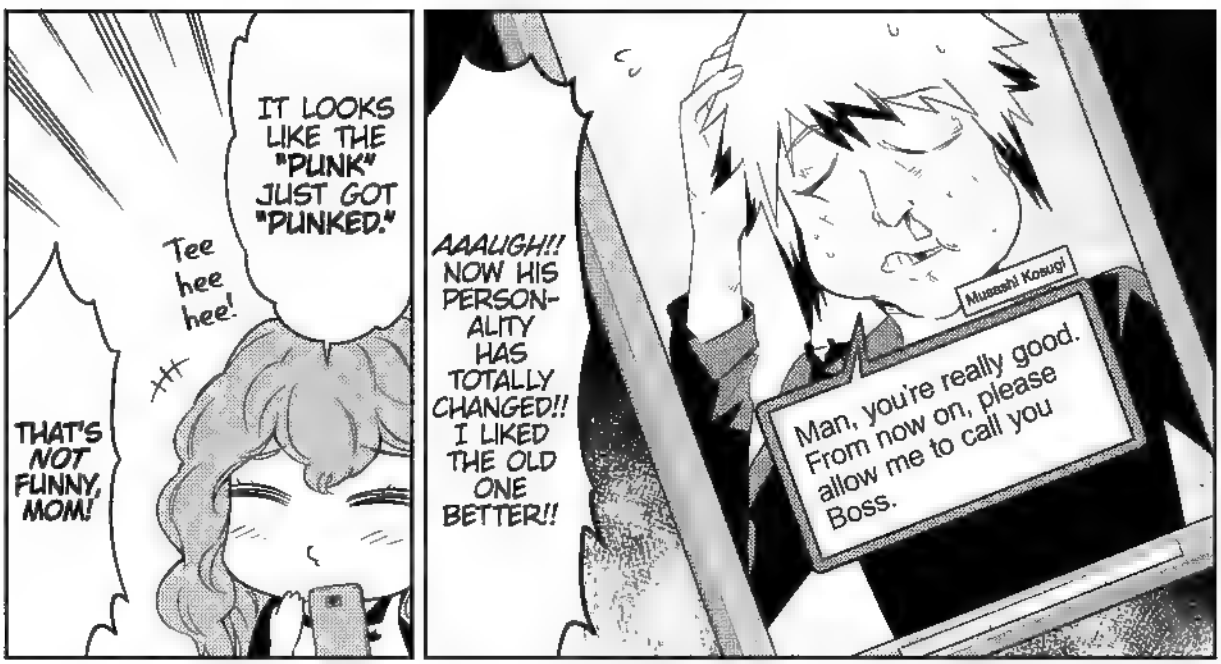
IS THIS SOME SORT OF GAME?
Musashi Kotsugi
Hey, you
Go buy me a drink.
THERE'S A PICTURE OF A CUTE BOY ON THE SCREEN, AND HE'S BEEN SAYING THE SAME THING OVER AND OVER.
?!
WHOSE PHONE IS THIS? IT'S BEEN MAKING NOISE FOR A WHILE NOW. COULD YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
VRRZZ
VRRZZ
VRRZZ

MUSASHI KOSUGI-KUN!!
CRAP!! I TOTALLY FORGOT THERE WAS AN UPDATE TODAY!!
ULP!


H-HEY. IT ISN'T AS IF I'M ADDICTED OR ANYTHING. I, UH, JUST GOT BORED AND DOWN-LOADED A RANDOM MOBILE GAME...
Eheh heh heh...
GOOD-NESS, YOUR TASTE IN MEN NEVER STOPS CHANGING, DOES IT?
NO WONDER YOU'RE ALWAYS SINGLE.
HEY! YOU COULD AT LEAST SAY I HAVE BROAD TASTES!
HOPPING FROM ONE TYPE TO ANOTHER ISN'T ANYTHING TO BRAG ABOUT.

MY, AND THIS PARTICULAR CHARACTER SEEMS AWFULLY RUDE.
Musas
C'mon. Quit stalling and go get me a drink.
HE'S THE "PUNK" TROPE, THAT'S ALL. NOW GIMME MY PHONE!
HEY!! WHAT DID YOU JUST CHOOSE THAT FOR?! HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU THINK I'VE SPENT ON GETTING HIM THIS FAR?!
1 Go buy Musashi Kosugi a coffee. (50P fee)
2 Screw off, ya Get it yourself !! I don't wanna drink through a straw!
BIP

BIP BIP BIP
MOOOM!! STOP THAT! DON'T BEAT HIM!! DON'T YOU DARE BEAT HIM!!
OH, THIS IS GOOD REFLEX TRAINING!
OH MY! IT LOOKS LIKE A BATTLE STARTED!
Musashi Kosugi
Wha'choo just say?!
IT'S A FIGHTING GAME?!
BATTLE!!
NOOOO! I TOLD YOU NOT TO WIN!!
YOU WIN
SSS Rank
DEEDLE DEEDLE DEE!

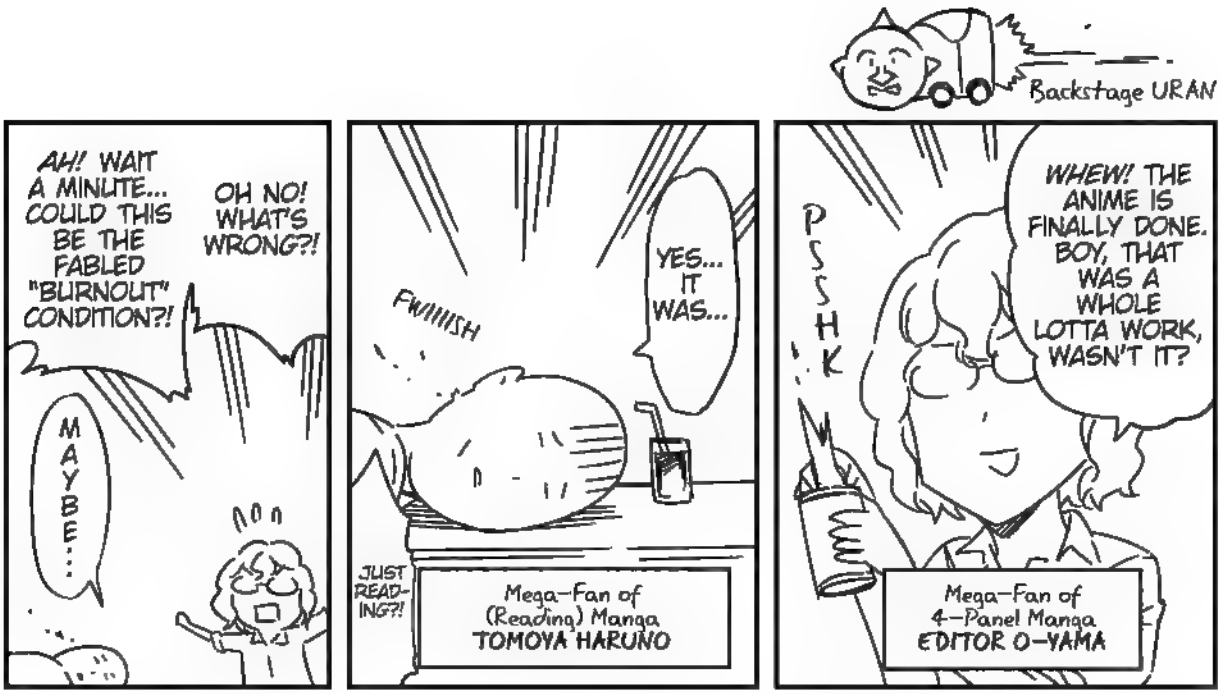

IT LOOKS LIKE THE "PUNK" JUST GOT "PUNKED."
Tee hee hee!
THAT'S NOT FUNNY, MOM!
AAAUGH!! NOW HIS PERSONALITY HAS TOTALLY CHANGED!! I LIKED THE OLD ONE BETTER!!
Musashi Kosugi
Man, you're really good. From now on, please allow me to call you Boss.

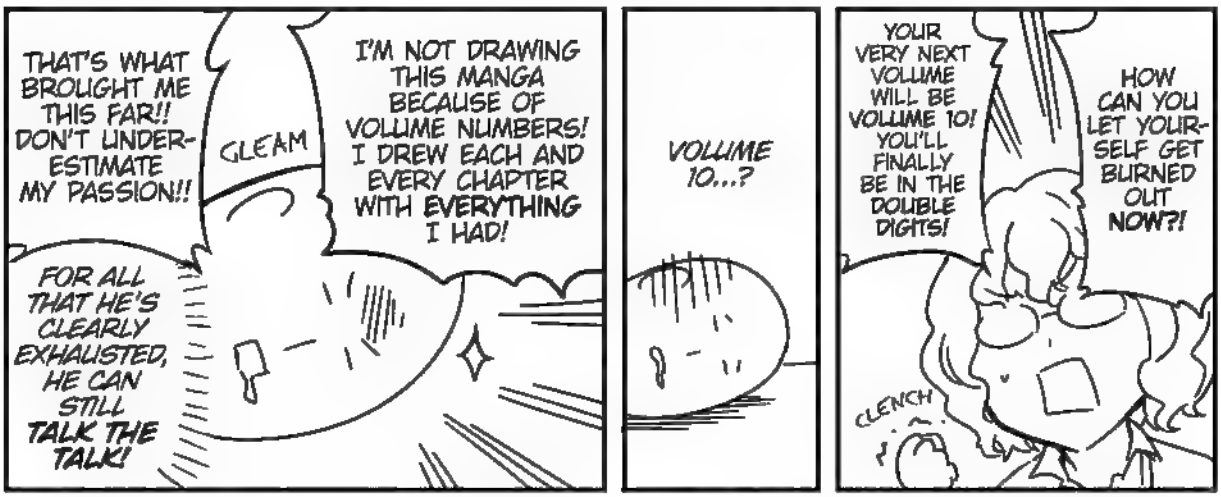
NO!! THAT IS SO NOT MY TYPE!!
OH, BUT ISN'T HE JUST SO MUCH CUTER NOW? ♪
Musashi Kosugi
Boss, I bought you some coffee! No, you don't have to pay me for it...
DANG IT, LOOK WHAT YOU DID! NOW HE'S TURNED INTO A TOTAL WUSS!

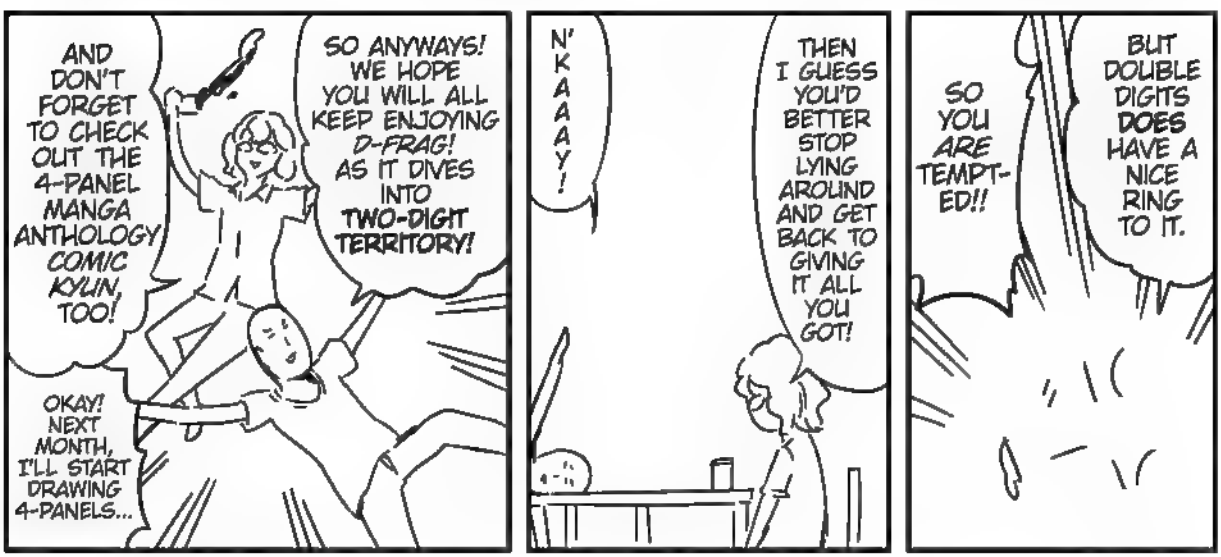
AND SHE KNOWS HIM?!
HUH?
DO YOU SEE IT, DEAR? HE LOOKS JUST LIKE HIM, DOESN'T HE?
WHAT?! THERE'S A KOSUGI-KUN LOOKALIKE RUNNING AROUND HERE?!
YOU KNOW WHAT? HE REMINDS ME OF A CERTAIN BOY I KNOW...
THE GUY I KNOW ISN'T NEARLY THIS...THIS PATHETIC AND UNCOOL.
?!
ACTUALLY... NO, THEY'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT.
HMM... I CAN KINDA SEE IT.
FOR REAL?! INTRO-DUCE ME!!
IT'S OKAY. I'LL LET YOU BORROW MY PILLOW!
Here.
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING ALL SMUG?!
PAFF
The perfect guy?
WHAT'S WRONG? I THOUGHT YOU HAD BROAD TASTES!

END

Yeah... They're completely different.
STARE
YAAAWN...


Backstage URAN
AH! WAIT A MINUTE... COULD THIS BE THE FABLED "BURNOUT" CONDITION?!
OH NO! WHAT'S WRONG?!
MAYBE...
FWIIIISH
YES... IT WAS...
JUST READ-ING?!
Mega-Fan of (Reading) Manga TOMOYA HARUNO
PSSHK
WHEW! THE ANIME IS FINALLY DONE. BOY, THAT WAS A WHOLE LOTTA WORK, WASN'T IT?
Mega-Fan of 4-Panel Manga EDITOR O-YAMA


THAT'S WHAT BROUGHT ME THIS FAR!! DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE MY PASSION!!
GLEAM
I'M NOT DRAWING THIS MANGA BECAUSE OF VOLUME NUMBERS! I DREW EACH AND EVERY CHAPTER WITH EVERYTHING I HAD!
FOR ALL THAT HE'S CLEARLY EXHAUSTED, HE CAN STILL TALK THE TALK!
VOLUME 10...?
YOUR VERY NEXT VOLUME WILL BE VOLUME 10! YOU'LL FINALLY BE IN THE DOUBLE DIGITS!
HOW CAN YOU LET YOUR-SELF GET BURNED OUT NOW?!
CLENCH


AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE 4-PANEL MANGA ANTHOLOGY COMIC KYUN, TOO!
SO ANYWAYS! WE HOPE YOU WILL ALL KEEP ENJOYING D-FRAG! AS IT DIVES INTO TWO-DIGIT TERRITORY!
OKAY! NEXT MONTH, I'LL START DRAWING 4-PANELS...
N'KAAAY!
THEN I GUESS YOU'D BETTER STOP LYING AROUND AND GET BACK TO GIVING IT ALL YOU GOT!
SO YOU ARE TEMPT-ED!!
BUT DOUBLE DIGITS DOES HAVE A NICE RING TO IT.

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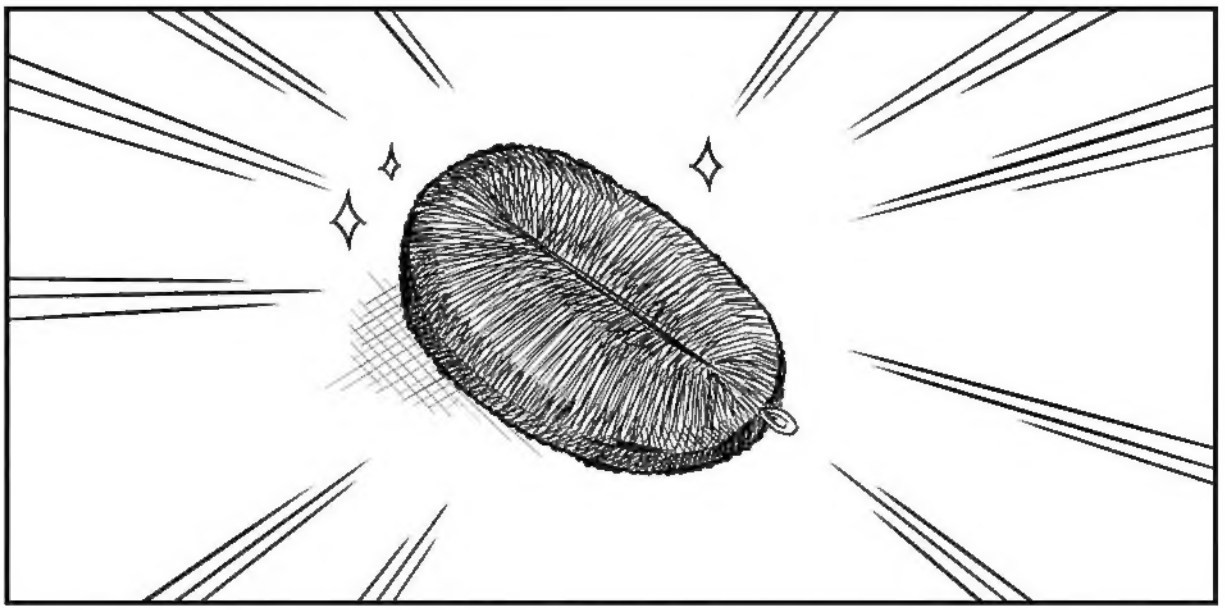

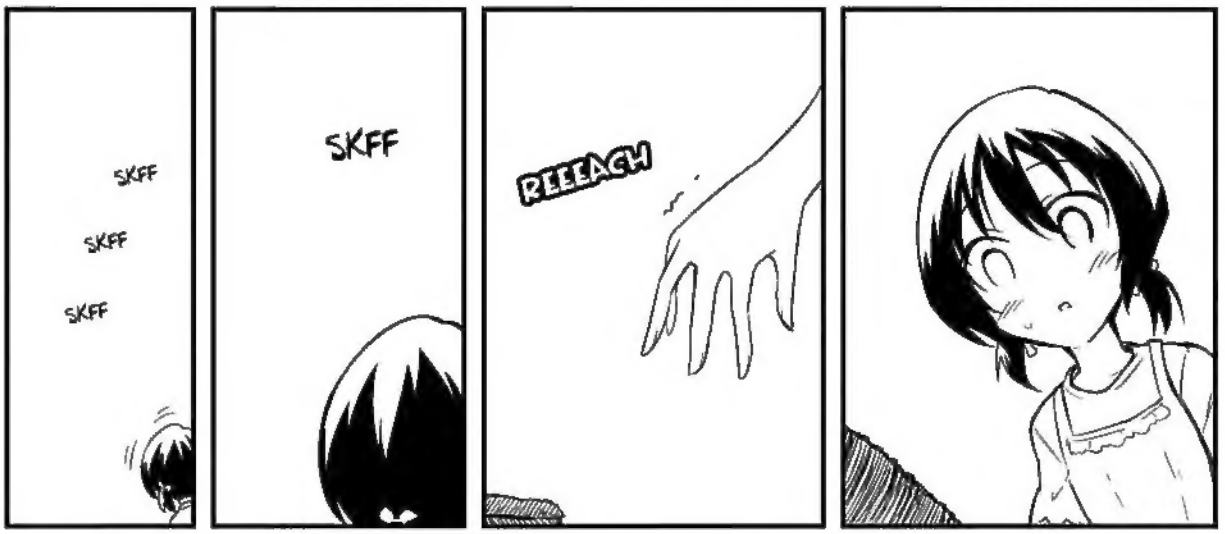
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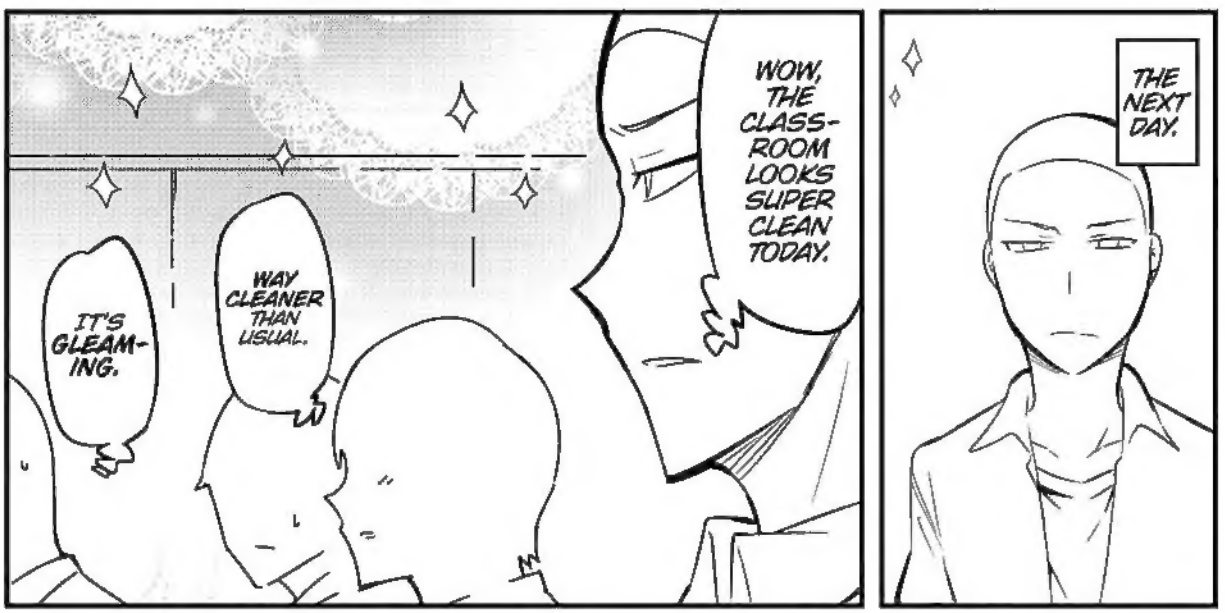
THE NEXT DAY.
WOW, THE CLASS-ROOM LOOKS SUPER CLEAN TODAY.
WAY CLEANER THAN USUAL.
IT'S GLEAM-ING.

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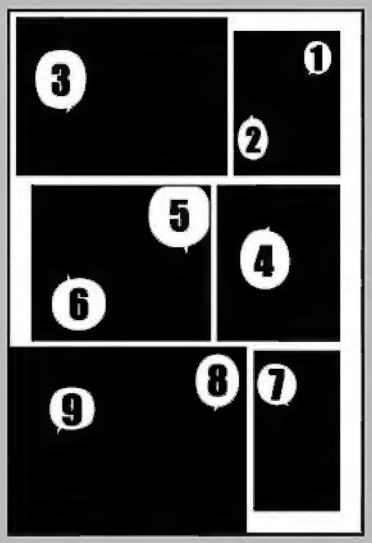

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